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59号店にもけっこー長くいる**のらみみ**です。
あいかわらずぶらぶらしてる**シナモン**に、
バイトを紹介してあげたらがんばってました。と
思ったら、**ドッタリ**のやつがついに……。
みんなそれぞれに**居候の日常**
をすごしているようです。そういえば
おいらも居候キャラでした。この巻で、
みなさんと**お別れ**です。

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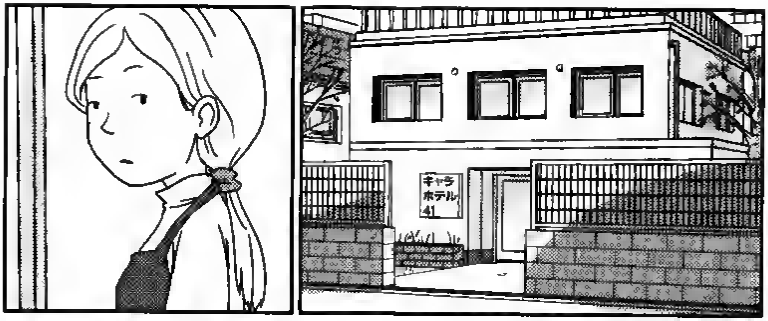
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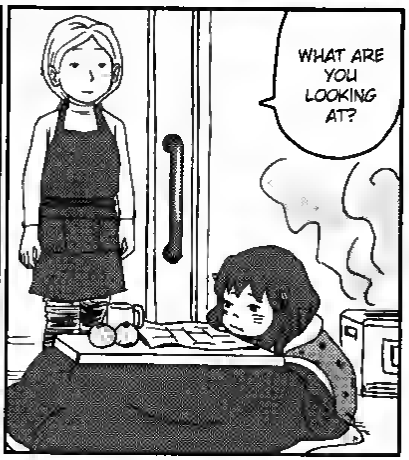
BUT I FEEL SOOOO SLUGGISH.
I SAID YES SINCE I WASN'T DOING ANYTHING,
BROTHER ASKED ME,
TO DO A FAVOUR FOR HIM
PLUS IT'S COLD.
BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, I'M SO BORED..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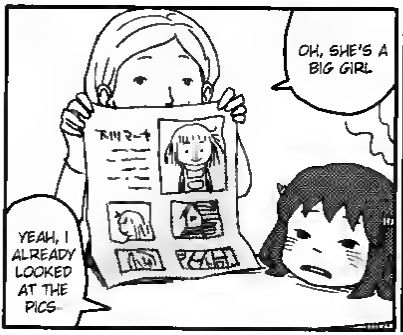
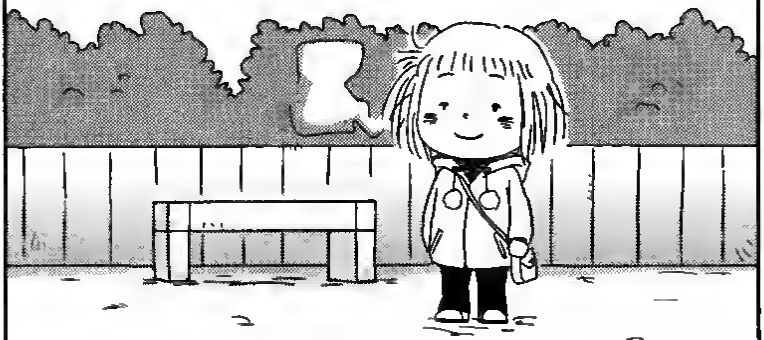
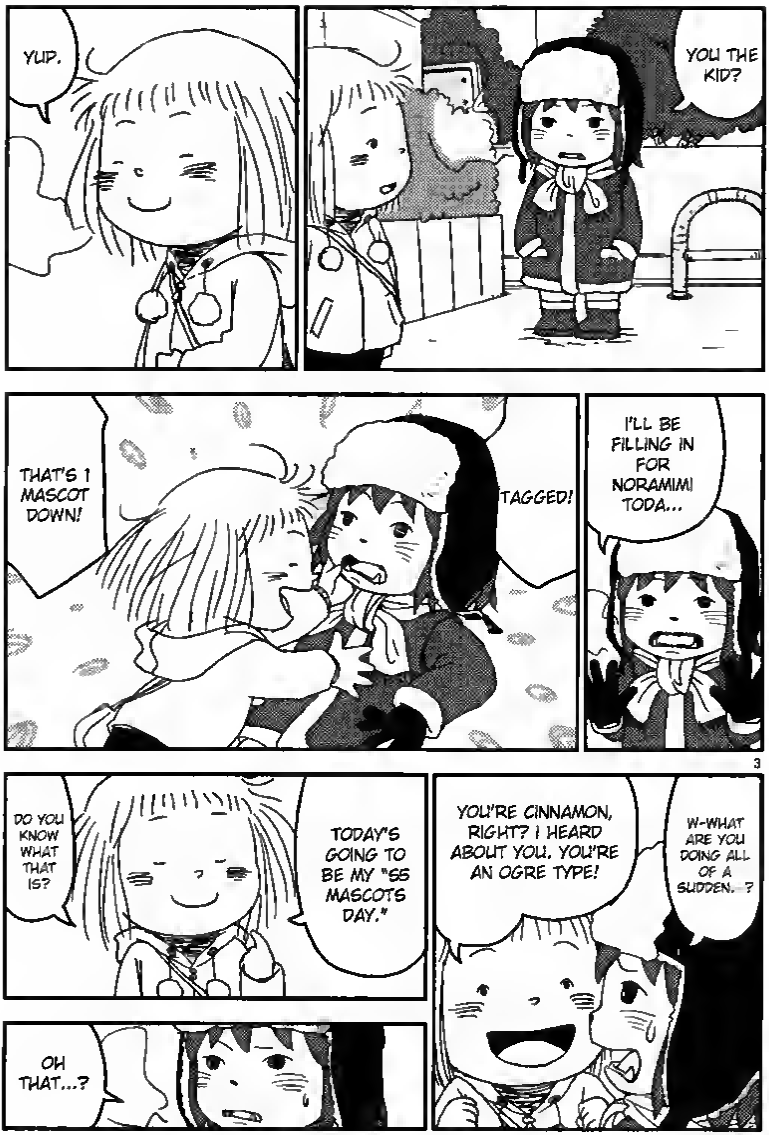

OH, SHE'S A BIG GIRL
YEAH, I ALREADY LOOKED AT THE PICS

HE SAID HE WAS TOO BUSY SO HE ASKED ME TO DO IT INSTEAD.
UMM.. SOMETHING ABOUT A TEMPORARY MASCOT JOB
WHAT DID HE ASK YOU TO DO?

MAGICAL CHASE FOR 55 MASCOTS WITH CINNAMON




YUP.
YOU THE KID?
THAT'S 1 MASCOT DOWN!
TAGGED!
I'LL BE FILLING IN FOR NORAMIMI TODA...
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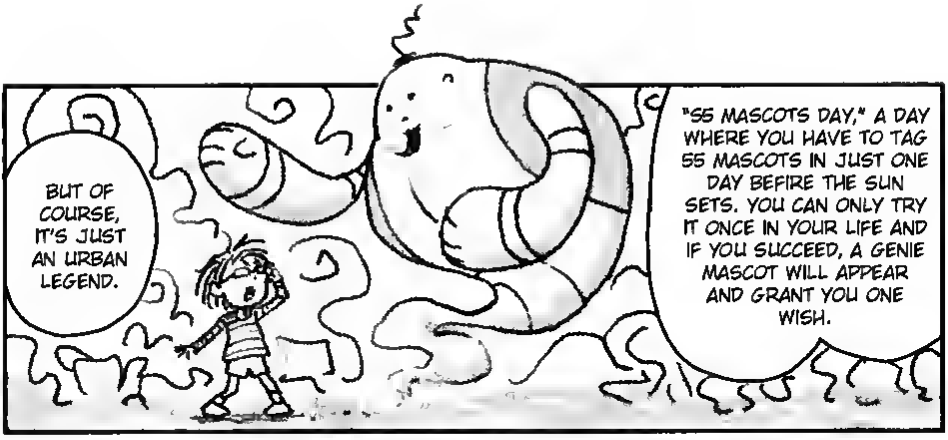
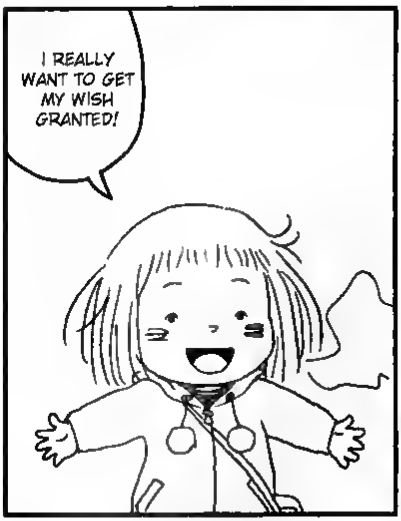
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT IS?
TODAY'S GOING TO BE MY "55 MASCOTS DAY."
YOU'RE CINNAMON, RIGHT? I HEARD ABOUT YOU. YOU'RE AN OGRE TYPE!
W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING ALL OF A SUDDEN...?
OH THAT...?


"55 MASCOTS DAY," A DAY WHERE YOU HAVE TO TAG 55 MASCOTS IN JUST ONE DAY BEFIRE THE SUN SETS. YOU CAN ONLY TRY IT ONCE IN YOUR LIFE AND IF YOU SUCCEED, A GENIE MASCOT WILL APPEAR AND GRANT YOU ONE WISH.
BUT OF COURSE, IT'S JUST AN URBAN LEGEND.


I REALLY WANT TO GET MY WISH GRANTED!

YOU COULD'VE DONE THAT BY YOURSELF...
IS THAT WHAT YOU CALLED ME FOR?

WELL, I'VE LIVED HERE LIKE FOREVER SO THAT'S TRUE...
PLUS YOU KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS TOWN!
WELL I HEARD FROM HELLO KIDS THAT YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT WHERE ALL THE MASCOTS HANG OUT AT.

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DON'T ASK ME ABOUT MY WISH THOUGH. THAT'S A SECRET!
OH RIGHT, MY NAME'S MAYA! NICE TO MEET YOU!

WELL, ONLY 54 MORE MASCOTS TO GO, HUH...
SO YOU WANT TO MAKE A WISH...

A KAPPA'S GOTTA SWIM~
?
NOW!
WHAT'S UP?
OH HEY CINNAMON.
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SO THAT'S HOW YOU WANT ME TO HELP?
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ALRIGHT, THAT'S THE 2ND ONE!
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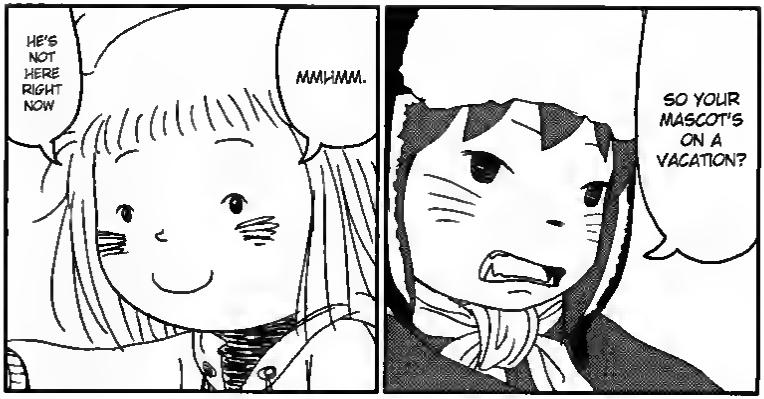
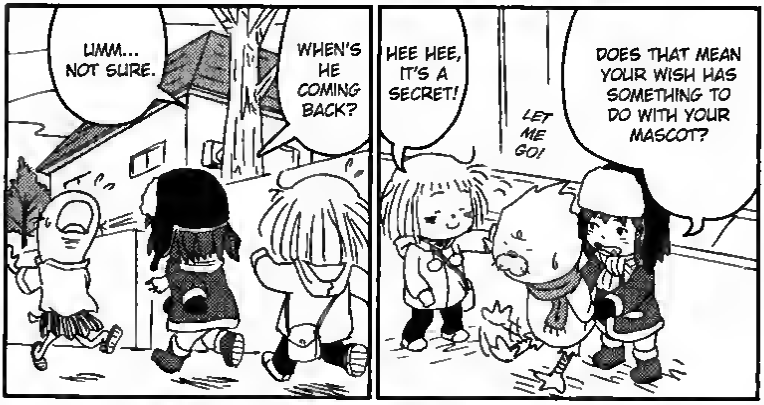
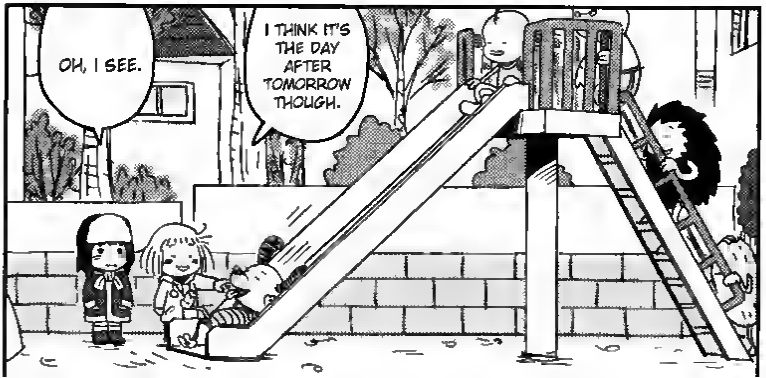
TAG!


HE'S NOT HERE RIGHT NOW
MMHMM.
SO YOUR MASCOT'S ON A VACATION?


UMM... NOT SURE.
WHEN'S HE COMING BACK?
HEE HEE, IT'S A SECRET!
LET ME GO!
DOES THAT MEAN YOUR WISH HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOUR MASCOT?


OH, I SEE.
I THINK IT'S THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW THOUGH.

OH, AND DON'T TOUCH HIS BAG OR HE MIGHT GO BONKERS.
THIS ONE'S A LITTLE UNPREDICTABLE SO YOU BETTER BE CAREFUL.
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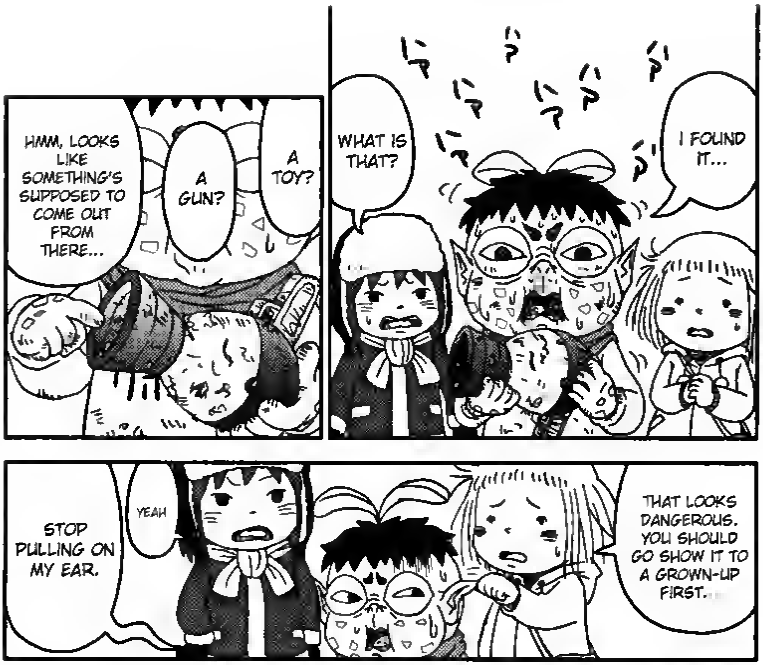
IT MUST BE HERE!
IT STOPPED AGAIN!!!


I FOUND IT...
WHAT IS THAT?
A TOY?
A GUN?
HMM, LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING'S SUPPOSED TO COME OUT FROM THERE...
THAT LOOKS DANGEROUS. YOU SHOULD GO SHOW IT TO A GROWN-UP FIRST.
YEAH
STOP PULLING ON MY EAR.

HUH? THE STORE'S ALL EMPTY.
I THOUGHT IT'D BE FULL SINCE IT'S THE END OF THE YEAR.
OH WELL, LET'S TRY GOING TO #60 BRANCH STORE.
OK.
ハローキッズ 59号店
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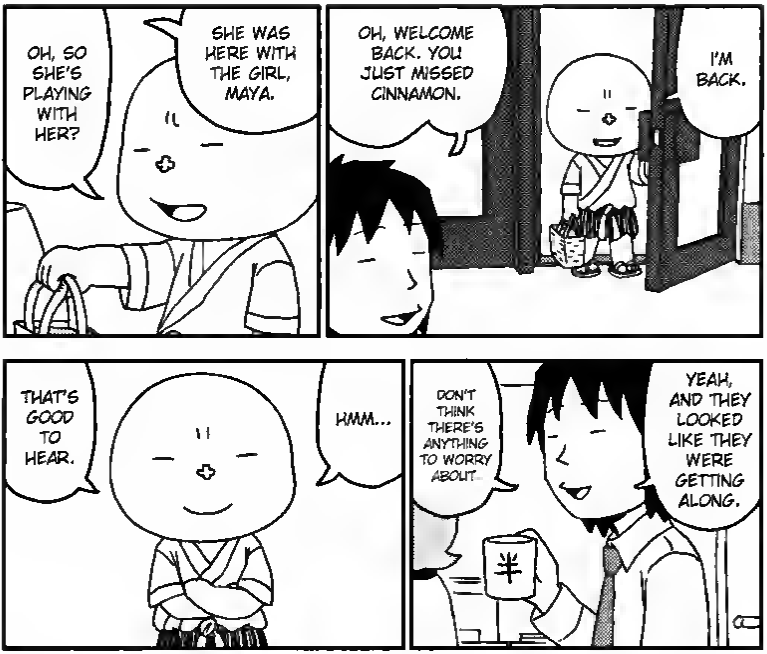
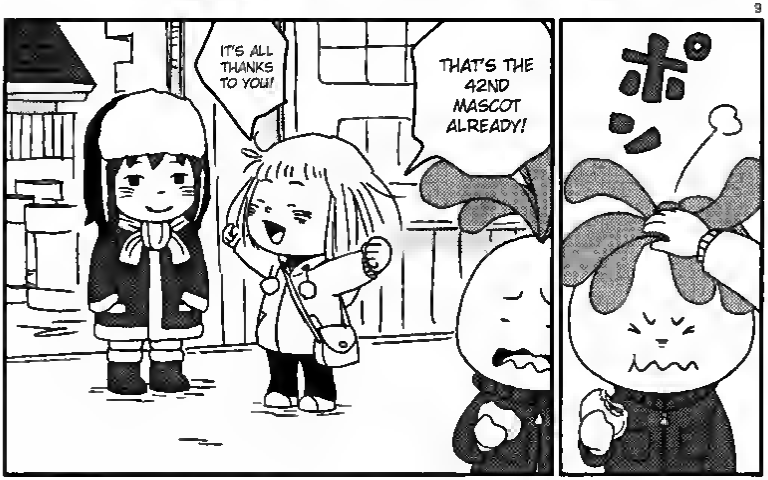

I'M BACK.
OH, WELCOME BACK. YOU JUST MISSED CINNAMON.
SHE WAS HERE WITH THE GIRL, MAYA.
OH, SO SHE'S PLAYING WITH HER?
YEAH, AND THEY LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE GETTING ALONG.
DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
HMM...
THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.


THAT'S THE 42ND MASCOT ALREADY!
IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU!
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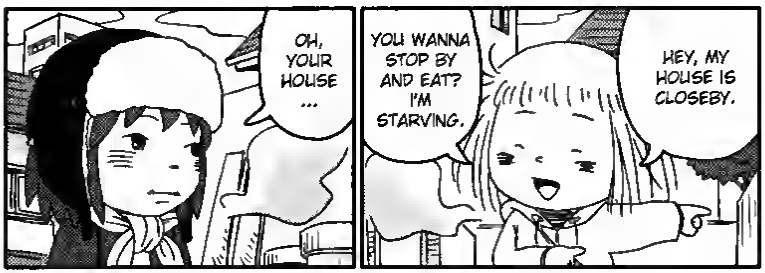
THERE'S USUALLY A COUPLE MASCOTS HANGING AROUND THERE.
LET'S SEE... AH, WE SHOULD GO TO THAT CURLY-HAIRED MAN'S LIQUOR STORE!


OH, YOUR HOUSE ...
YOU WANNA STOP BY AND EAT? I'M STARVING.
HEY, MY HOUSE IS CLOSEBY.

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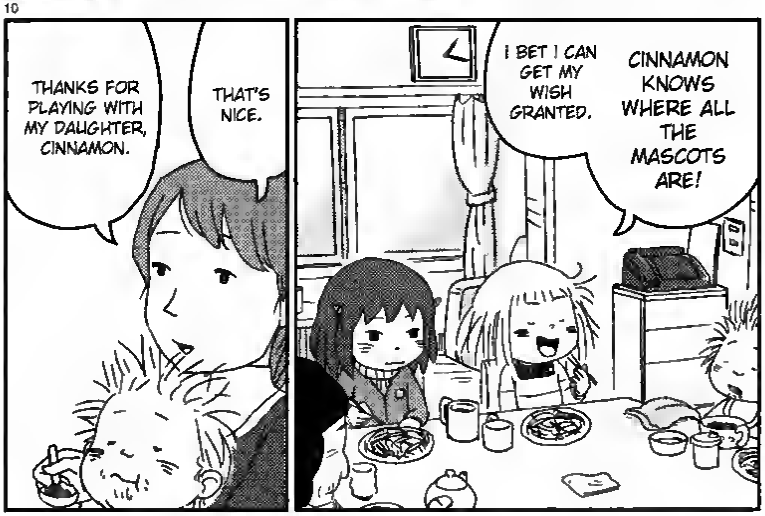
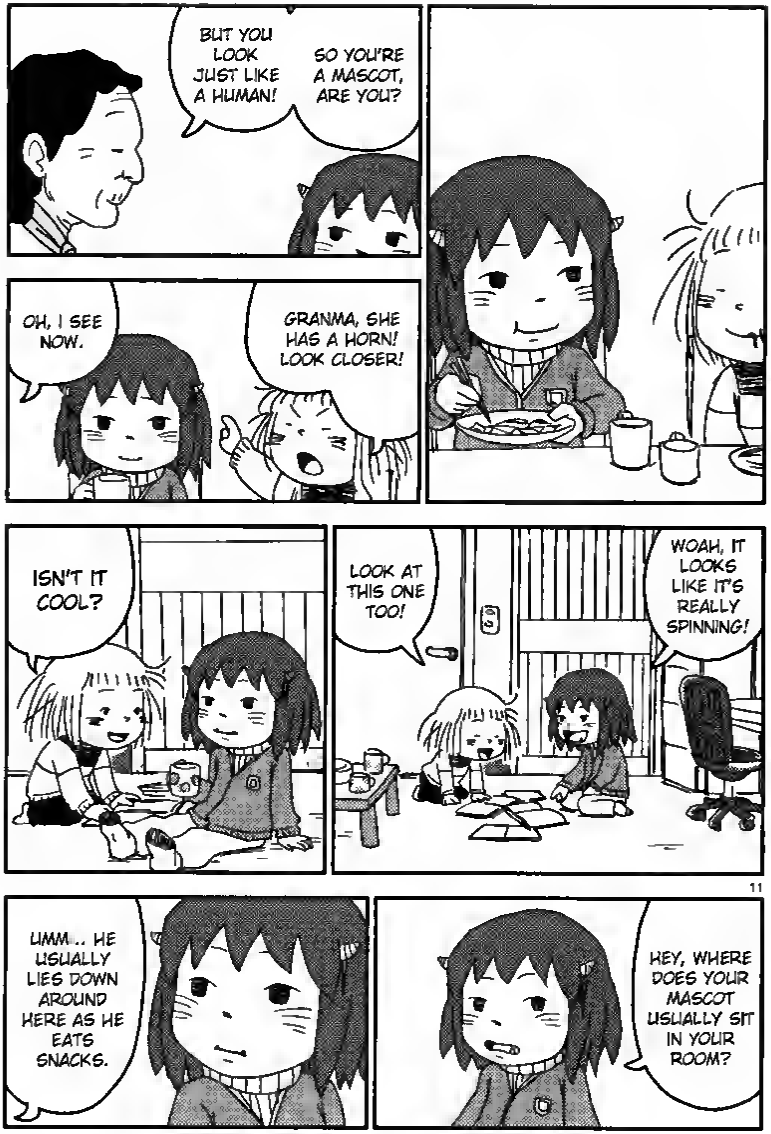

THANKS FOR PLAYING WITH MY DAUGHTER, CINNAMON.
THAT'S NICE.
I BET I CAN GET MY WISH GRANTED.
CINNAMON KNOWS WHERE ALL THE MASCOTS ARE!


BUT YOU LOOK JUST LIKE A HUMAN!
SO YOU'RE A MASCOT, ARE YOU?
OH, I SEE NOW.
GRANMA, SHE HAS A HORN! LOOK CLOSER!
ISN'T IT COOL?
LOOK AT THIS ONE TOO!
WOAH, IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S REALLY SPINNING!
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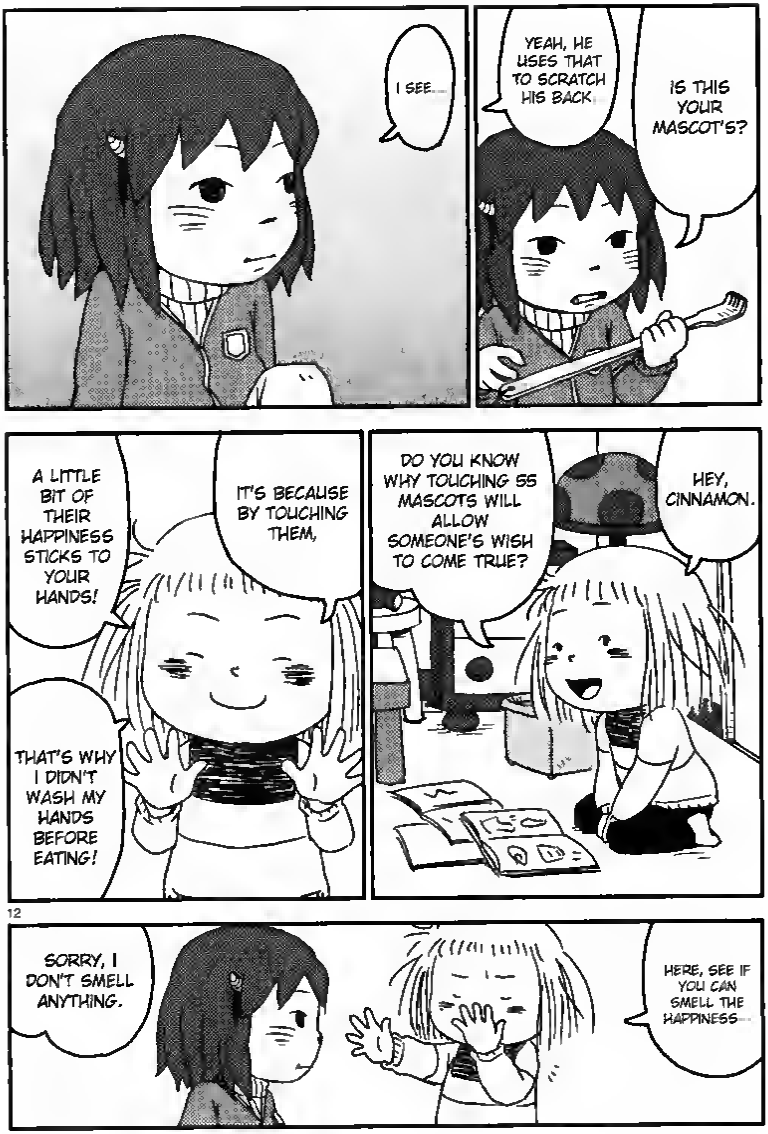
UMM... HE USUALLY LIES DOWN AROUND HERE AS HE EATS SNACKS.
HEY, WHERE DOES YOUR MASCOT USUALLY SIT IN YOUR ROOM?


I SEE...
YEAH, HE USES THAT TO SCRATCH HIS BACK.
IS THIS YOUR MASCOT'S?
A LITTLE BIT OF THEIR HAPPINESS STICKS TO YOUR HANDS!
IT'S BECAUSE BY TOUCHING THEM,
THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T WASH MY HANDS BEFORE EATING!
DO YOU KNOW WHY TOUCHING 55 MASCOTS WILL ALLOW SOMEONE'S WISH TO COME TRUE?
HEY, CINNAMON.
12
SORRY, I DON'T SMELL ANYTHING.
HERE, SEE IF YOU CAN SMELL THE HAPPINESS...

WE BETTER GET GOING.
WELL, THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME LEFT BEFORE SUNSET.
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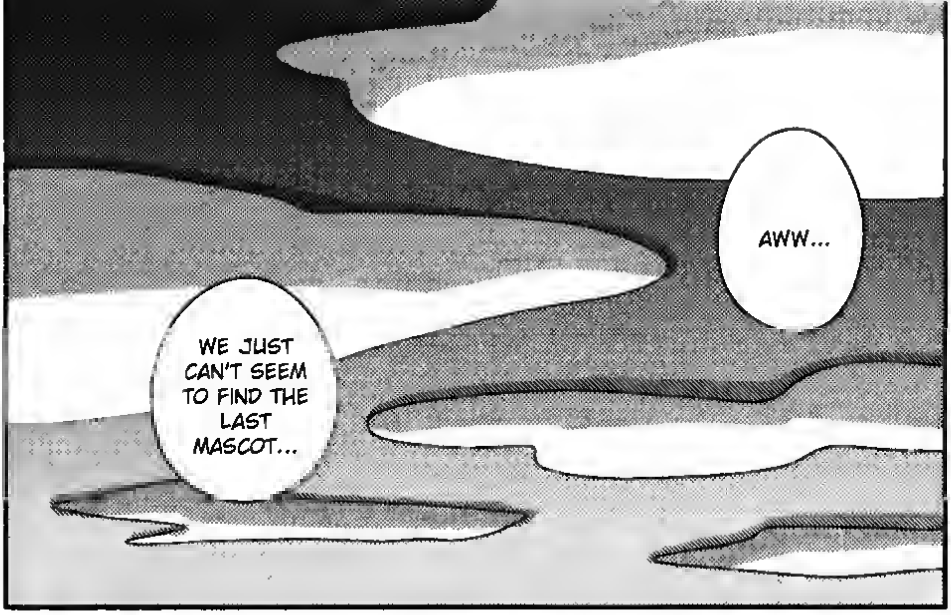
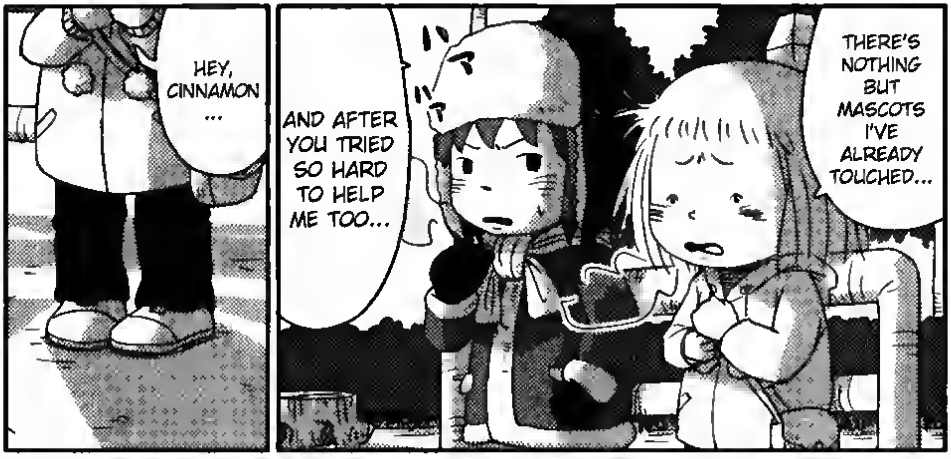

AWW...
WE JUST CAN'T SEEM TO FIND THE LAST MASCOT...


HEY, CINNAMON ...
AND AFTER YOU TRIED SO HARD TO HELP ME TOO...
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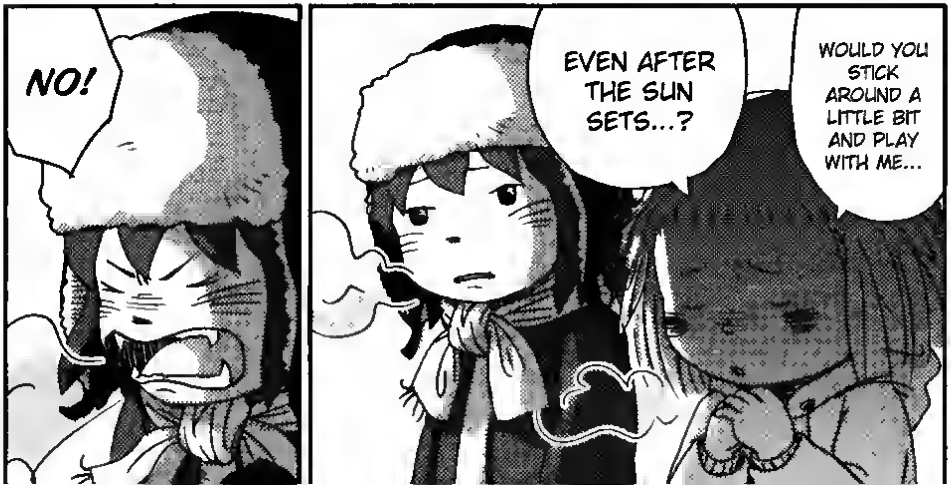
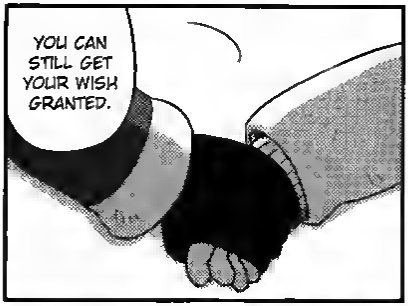
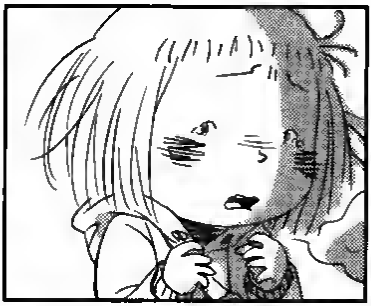
THERE'S NOTHING BUT MASCOTS I'VE ALREADY TOUCHED...


NO!
EVEN AFTER THE SUN SETS...?
WOULD YOU STICK AROUND A LITTLE BIT AND PLAY WITH ME...

THERE'S STILL TIME.
DON'T SAY THAT!


YOU CAN STILL GET YOUR WISH GRANTED.



COME ON, LET'S GO!

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CAUGHT
YA!
CINNA-
MON?
NOW MY
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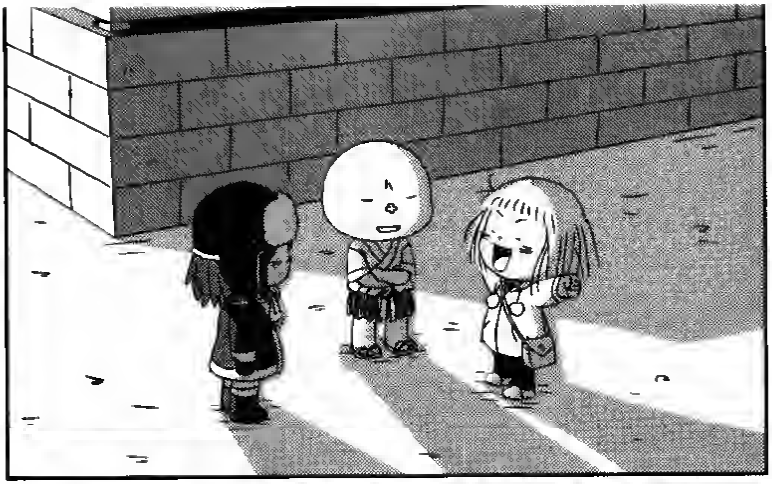
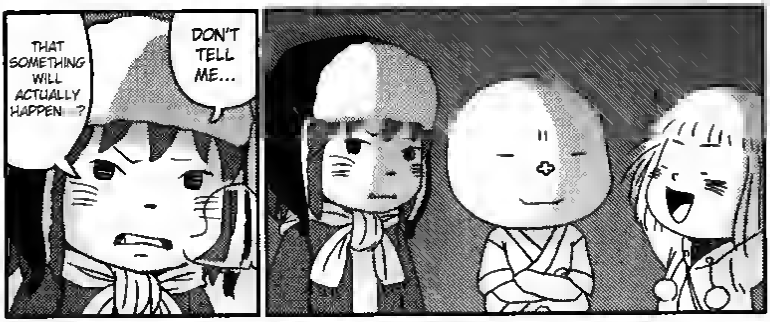
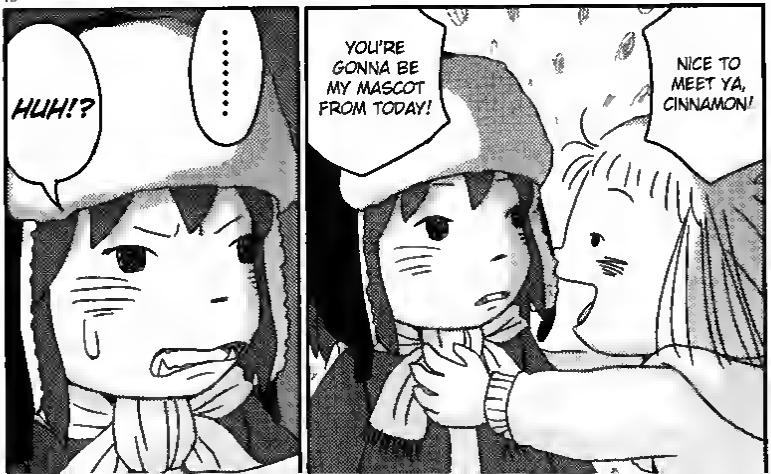
CAN
COME
TRUE!
I GOT
ALL 55!
WE DID
IT!
YES!




THAT SOMETHING WILL ACTUALLY HAPPEN...?
DON'T TELL ME...


HUH!?
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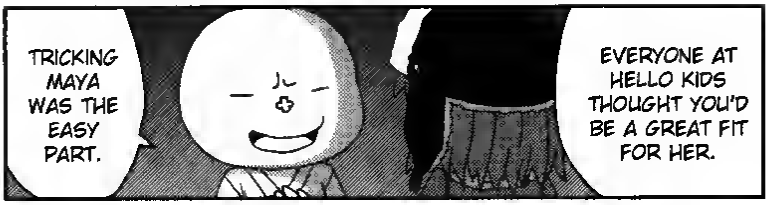
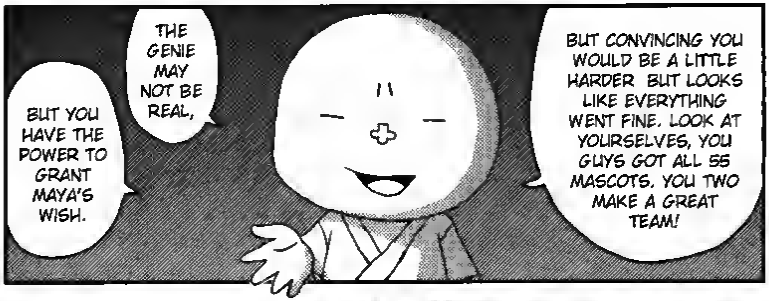
YOU'RE GONNA BE MY MASCOT FROM TODAY!
NICE TO MEET YA, CINNAMON!

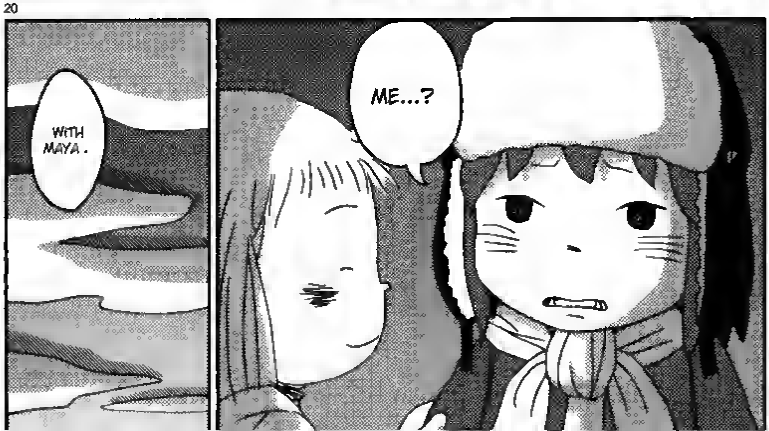
I'VE SEEN YOU AROUND BEFORE,
AND I ALWAYS WISHED YOU COULD BECOME MY MASCOT.
AND THEN HELLO KIDS INTRODUCED ME TO THIS GENIE MASCOT.
AND THE GENIE TOLD ME A WAY TO MAKE CINNAMON INTO MY MASCOT.
HE SAID IF I GOT ALL 55 MASCOTS WITH YOU, YOU'D BECOME MY MASCOT!
W-WHAT? WAIT A MINUTE...
THEN YOUR MASCOT WAS...
OH, HE'S JUST THE GENIE MASCOT I TOLD YOU ABOUT.
HE'S ONLY WITH ME TEMPORARILY. HE SAID HE'LL VANISH ONCE MY WISH IS GRANTED.
AHH!

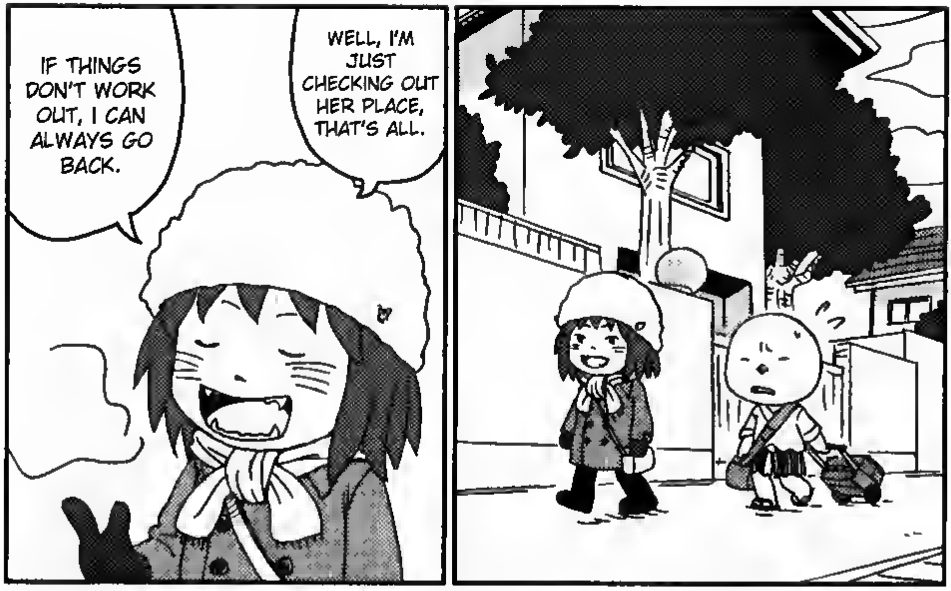
BUT HE SAID I HAD TO KEEP IT ALL A SECRET UNTIL NOW.
WHAT!? SO THIS WAS...
ALL YOUR IDEA!?


TRICKING MAYA WAS THE EASY PART.
EVERYONE AT HELLO KIDS THOUGHT YOU'D BE A GREAT FIT FOR HER.

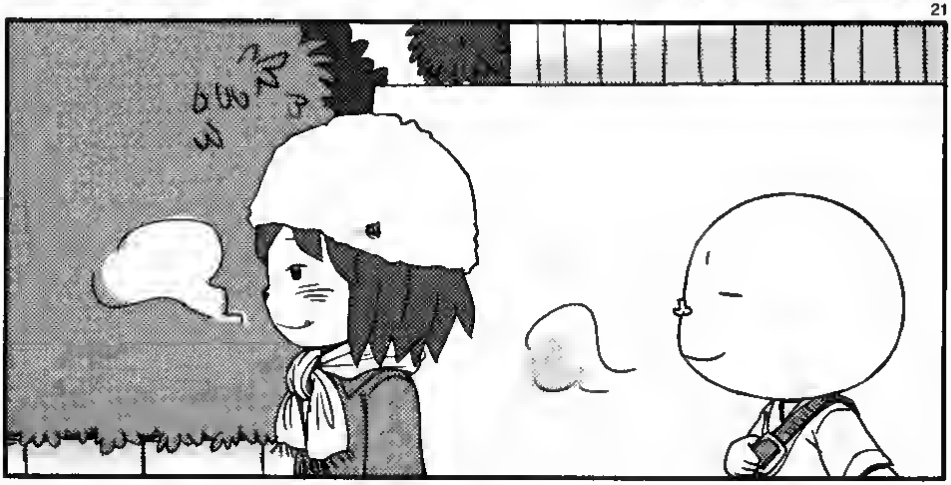

BUT YOU HAVE THE POWER TO GRANT MAYA'S WISH.
THE GENIE MAY NOT BE REAL,
BUT CONVINCING YOU WOULD BE A LITTLE HARDER BUT LOOKS LIKE EVERYTHING WENT FINE. LOOK AT YOURSELVES, YOU GUYS GOT ALL 55 MASCOTS. YOU TWO MAKE A GREAT TEAM!

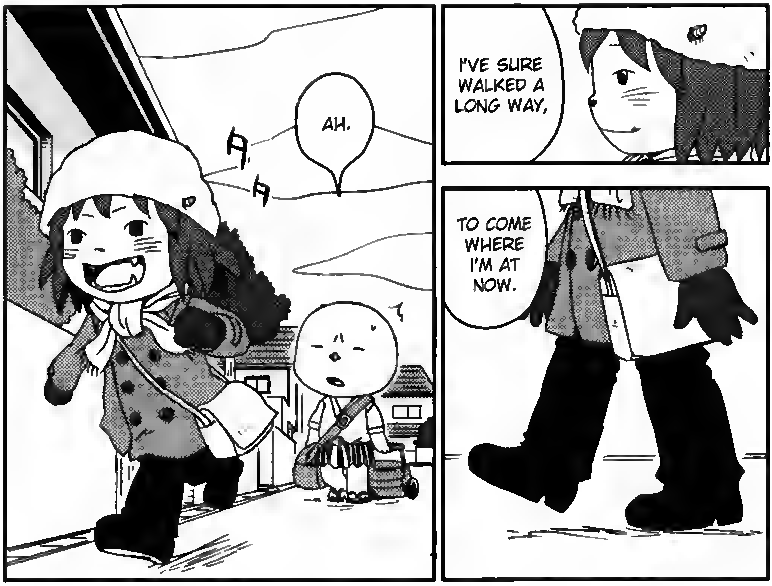
WELL?

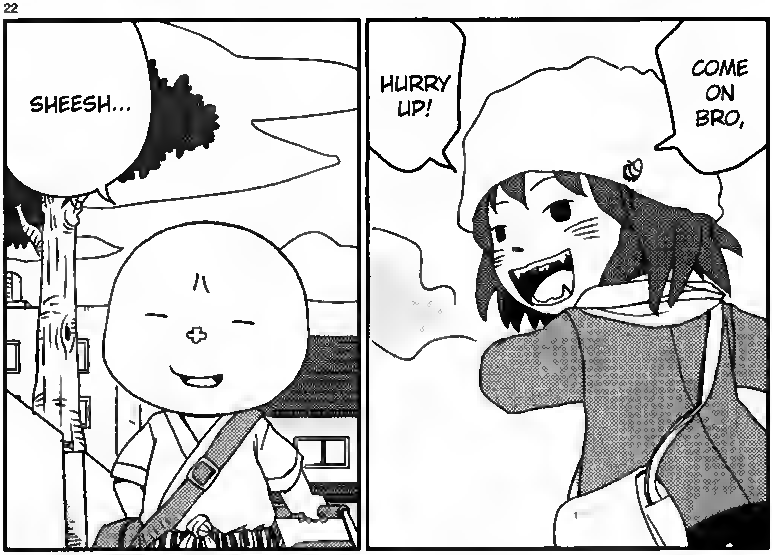

WITH MAYA.
ME...?

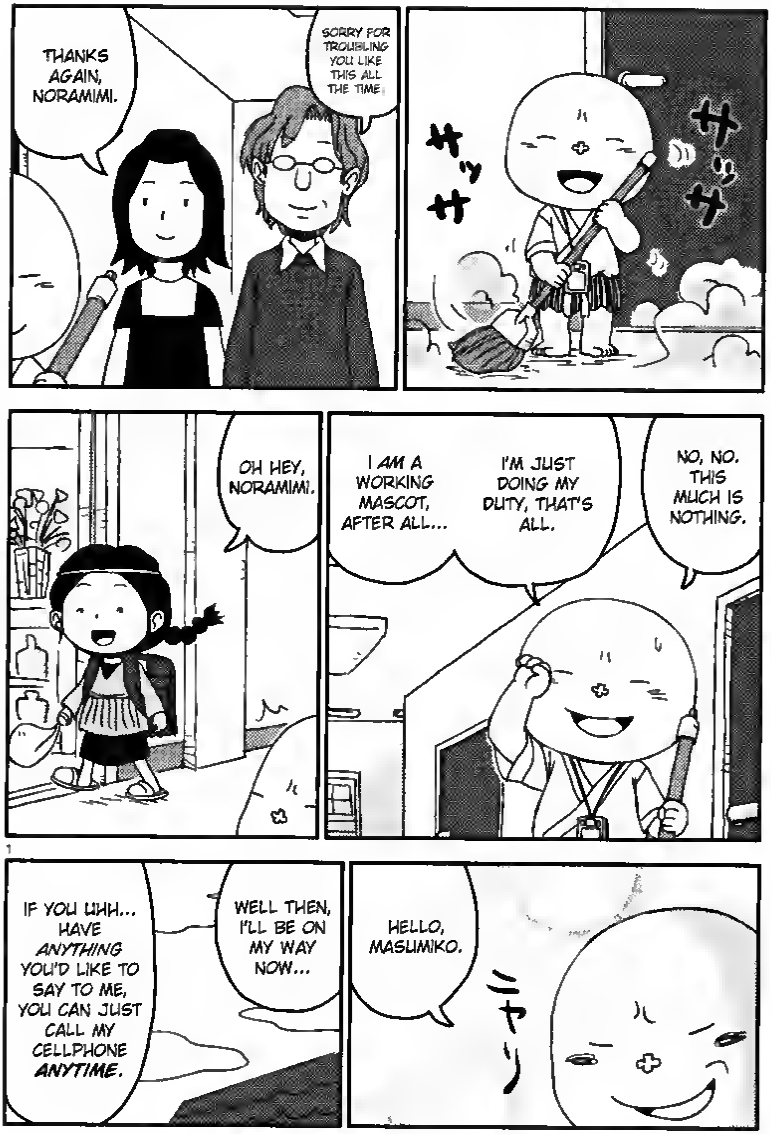

IF THINGS DON'T WORK OUT, I CAN ALWAYS GO BACK.
WELL, I'M JUST CHECKING OUT HER PLACE, THAT'S ALL.

HMPH.
YOU SHOULD HURRY UP AND FIND A KID TOO.
THEN WHY'RE YOU BRINGING SO MUCH STUFF OVER...




AH.
I'VE SURE WALKED A LONG WAY,
TO COME WHERE I'M AT NOW.


SHEESH...
HURRY UP!
COME ON BRO,


THANKS AGAIN, NORAMIMI.
SORRY FOR TROUBLING YOU LIKE THIS ALL THE TIME.
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OH HEY, NORAMIMI.
I AM A WORKING MASCOT, AFTER ALL...
I'M JUST DOING MY DUTY, THAT'S ALL.
NO, NO. THIS MUCH IS NOTHING.
IF YOU UHH... HAVE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO SAY TO ME, YOU CAN JUST CALL MY CELLPHONE ANYTIME.
WELL THEN, I'LL BE ON MY WAY NOW...
HELLO, MASUMIKO.
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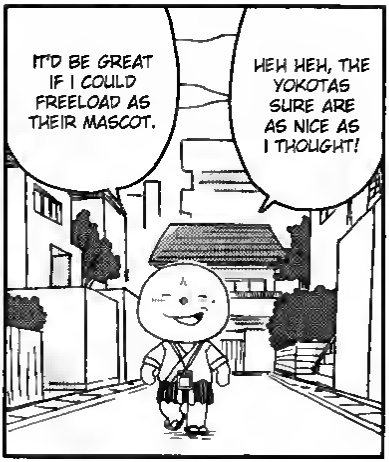
GOTTA FIRST BUILD THAT FOUNDATION OF TRUST... HEH HEH HEH.
THAT'S WHY I'VE FAILED UNTIL NOW...
BUT I CAN'T RUSH THINGS YET.


IT'D BE GREAT IF I COULD FREELOAD AS THEIR MASCOT.
HEH HEH, THE YOKOTAS SURE ARE AS NICE AS I THOUGHT!

I'LL SHOW THOSE USELESS IDIOTS HOW TO GET THINGS DONE...
I CAN JUST PICTURE THEIR REACTIONS NOW.
I'M SO CLOSE I CAN TASTE IT!
I'LL TELL THE REST OF THE GUYS AT HELLO KIDS ONCE I SEAL THE DEAL.

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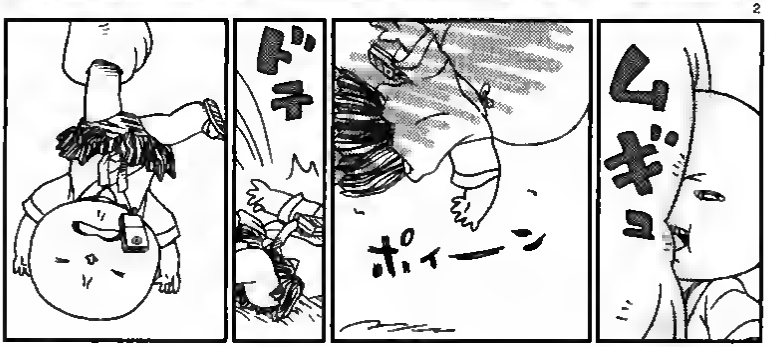
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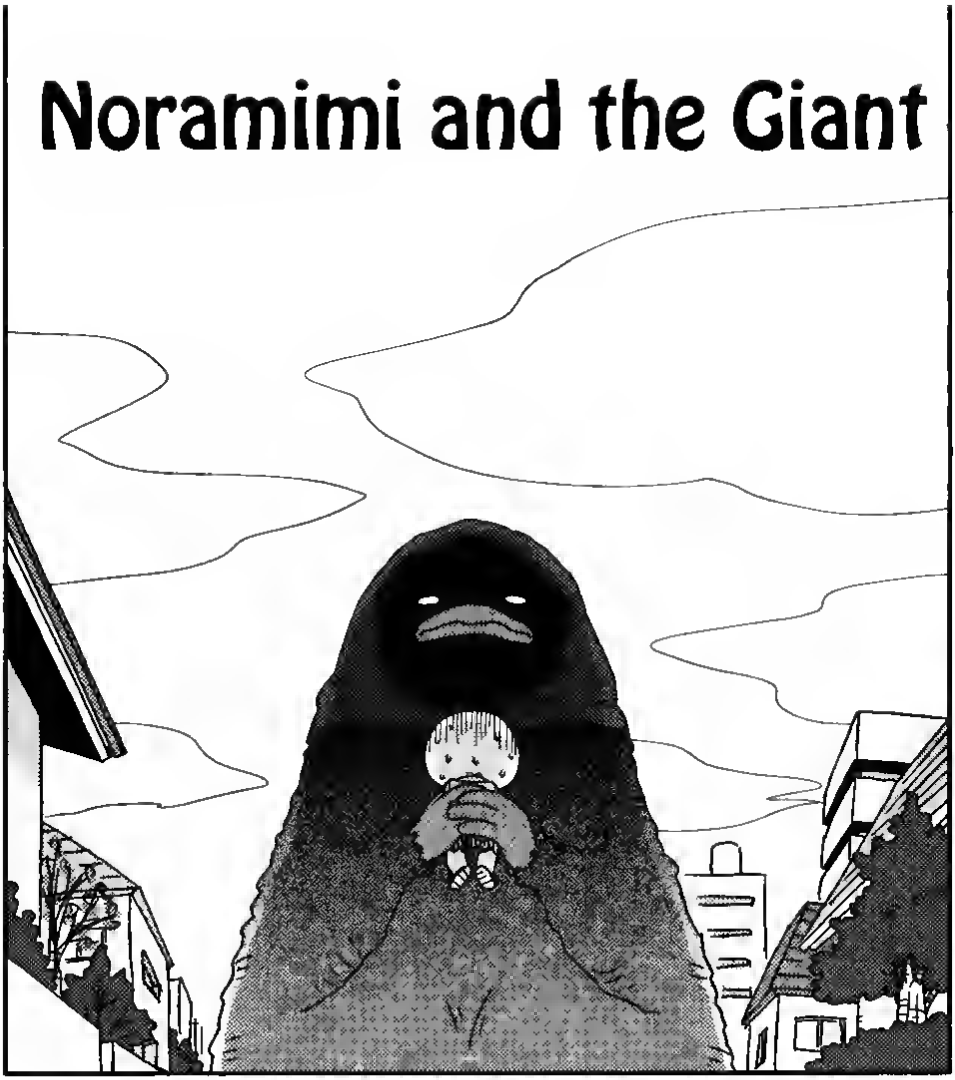

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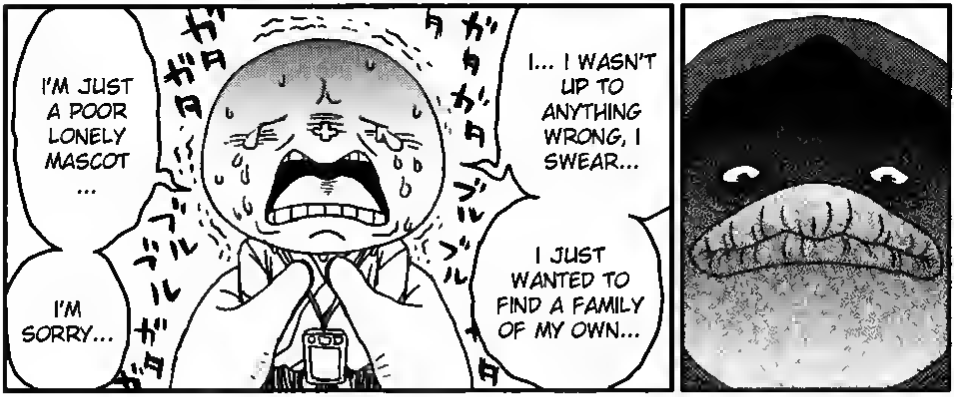

I'M SORRY FOR BEING BIG.
I DIDN'T MEAN TO SCARE YOU... I GUESS I'M JUST TOO BIG AND FRIGHTENING...
NO, I DIDN'T HURT HIM. HE'S FINE.
MONSUN, WHAT'D YOU DO THIS TIME?
NO, IT'S ACTUALLY A LOT OF TROUBLE...
MUST BE FUN FOR YOU TO HAVE SUCH A BIG MASCOT, YOU CAN EVEN RIDE ON HIM.
WOW.
SHEESH, YOU GOT ME GOOD! I'VE NEVER SEEN A MASCOT AS BIG AS YOU!
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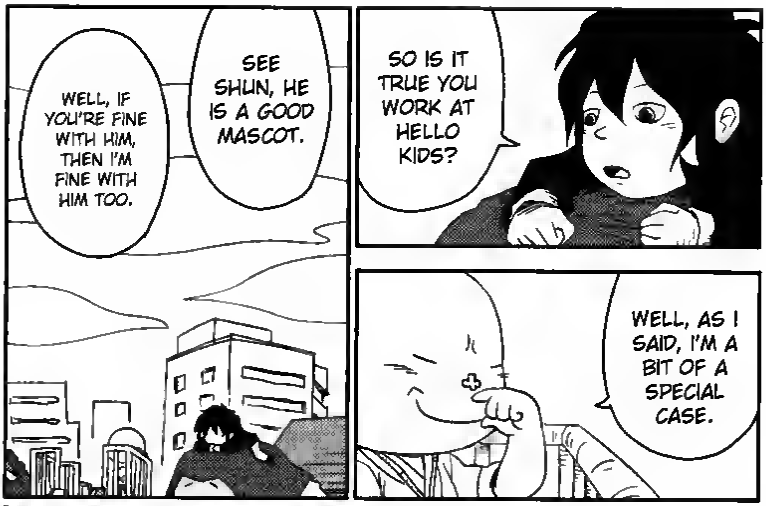
YOU THINK HE CAN BE TRUSTED? HE SEEMS KINDA FISHY TO ME.
SHUN, DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT THAT THING WITH HIM?


SEE SHUN, HE IS A GOOD MASCOT.
WELL, IF YOU'RE FINE WITH HIM, THEN I'M FINE WITH HIM TOO.
SO IS IT TRUE YOU WORK AT HELLO KIDS?
WELL, AS I SAID, I'M A BIT OF A SPECIAL CASE.

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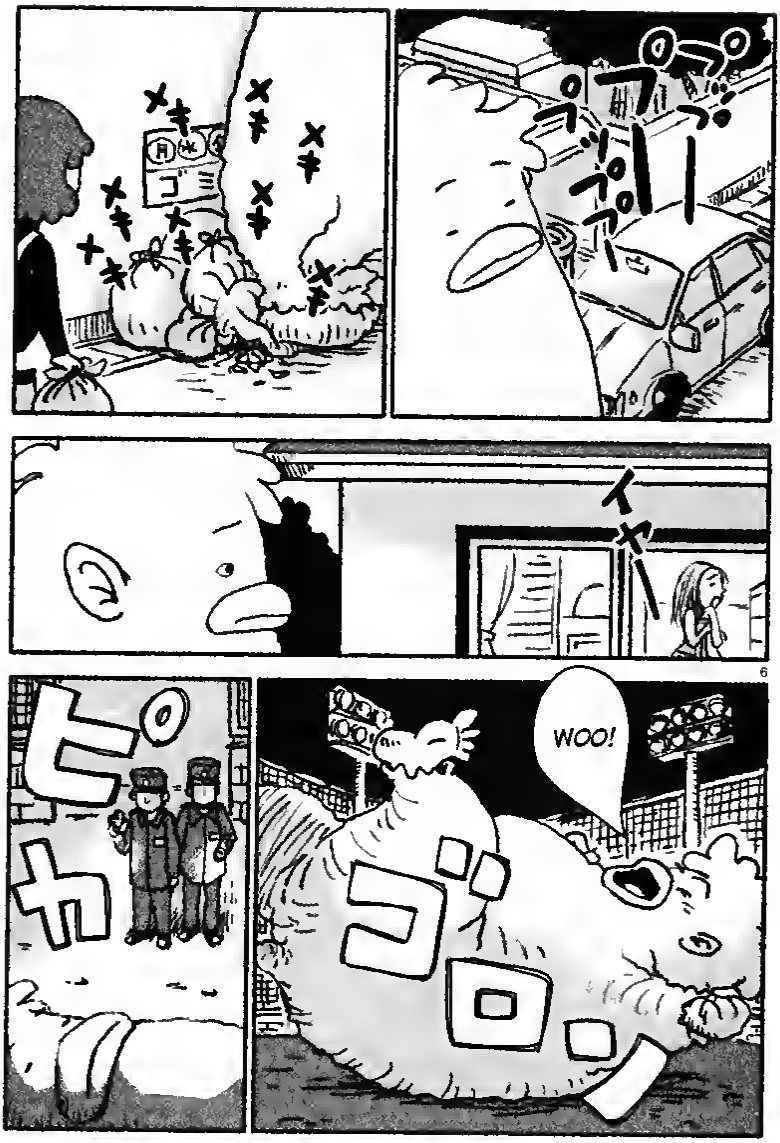
WE USED TO LIVE OUT IN THE COUNTRY WHERE I COULD RUN AROUND AS MUCH AS I WANTED BUT...
BUT EVER SINCE MOVING INTO THE CITY 2 MONTHS AGO,
I FEEL SO CRAMPED...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THANKS ...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. I CAN'T JUST LET YOU BE THE ONLY ONE TO SUFFER!
BUT THAT'S YOUR BLANKET...
HERE, YOU CAN USE THIS TO KEEP WARM.
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AND SHUN'S PARENTS HAVE BEEN PRETTY COLD EVER SINCE I ACCIDENTALLY DESTROYED A PART OF THE WALL...
WELCOME HOME!

SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH QUITE A LOT...
DAMN IT! WHY DID MY FAMILY HAVE TO MOVE TO THIS TOWN!?
I FEEL LIKE JUST CRAWLING INTO A DITCH AND STAYING THERE...
THERE'S JUST SO MANY BUILDINGS, WALLS, UTILITY POLES...
MONSUN AND I ARE GONNA BE TOGETHER FOREVER!
BUT THIS MUCH ISN'T ENOUGH TO SPLIT US APART!
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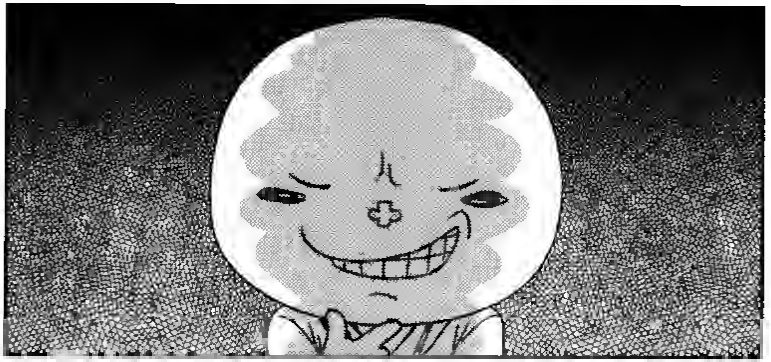
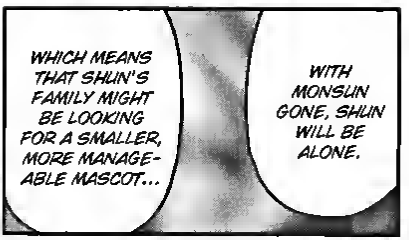
P-PLEASE DON'T SAY SUCH DANGER-OUS THINGS...
AND IF WORST COMES TO WORST, YOU CAN JUST USE YOUR BRUTE STRENGTH TO SMASH EVERYTHING TO PIECES!
.....
THAT'S RIGHT!
RIGHT!?

THAT'S ENOUGH!
I THINK IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU MOVED BACK TO THE COUNTR...
THE CITY'S A TOUGH PLACE TO LIVE, AND YOU CAN'T JUST GO AROUND SMASHING THINGS.
IF YOU ASK ME, YOUR FRIEND SEEMS TO BE AT HIS LIMIT...
AND IF THIS KEEPS UP, YOUR MASCOT'S GOING TO UNWILLINGLY STIR UP SOME MORE TROUBLE.
HOLD UP, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU GUYS ARE IN ANY RUSH.
LET'S GO, MONSUN!
GOT MY HOPES UP FOR NOTHING!
SO THAT'S THE BEST ADVICE YOU CAN COME UP WITH?
SHUN, WHAT DO YOU THINK...?
HMM... NOT BAD...
PLUS, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO WORK OUT A SOLUTION WHILE YOU'RE THERE.
YOU'D BE ABLE TO RUN AROUND AND PLAY LIKE YOU USED TO AT THE VERY LEAST, IT COULD TAKE SOME STRESS OFF THE BIG GUY!
HOW ABOUT JUST GOING BACK TO YOUR OLD HOME FOR LIKE A DAY?

YUP, THAT'D BE FOR THE BEST.
OK!
ALRIGHT, HOW ABOUT WE GO THERE TOMORROW?



THEN SHUN JUST MIGHT PICK ME AS HIS NEXT MASCOT...
SO IF I SHOW HOW NICE I AM TO HIM,


WHICH MEANS THAT SHUN'S FAMILY MIGHT BE LOOKING FOR A SMALLER, MORE MANAGE-ABLE MASCOT...
WITH MONSUN GONE, SHUN WILL BE ALONE.

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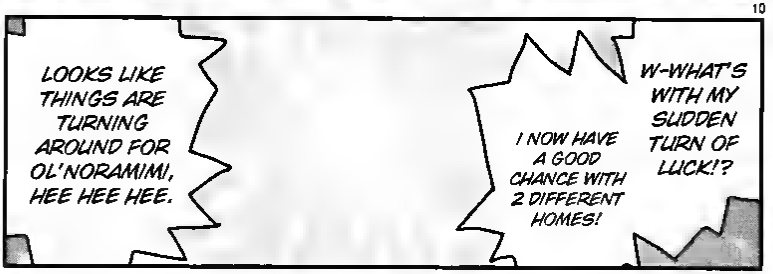
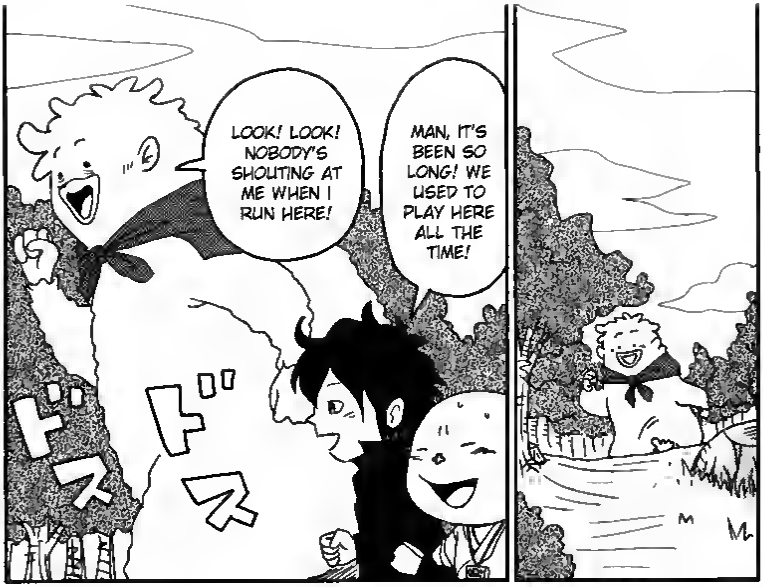

LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE TURNING AROUND FOR OL'NORAMIMI, HEE HEE HEE.
I NOW HAVE A GOOD CHANCE WITH 2 DIFFERENT HOMES!
W-WHAT'S WITH MY SUDDEN TURN OF LUCK!?


LOOK! LOOK! NOBODY'S SHOUTING AT ME WHEN I RUN HERE!
MAN, IT'S BEEN SO LONG! WE USED TO PLAY HERE ALL THE TIME!
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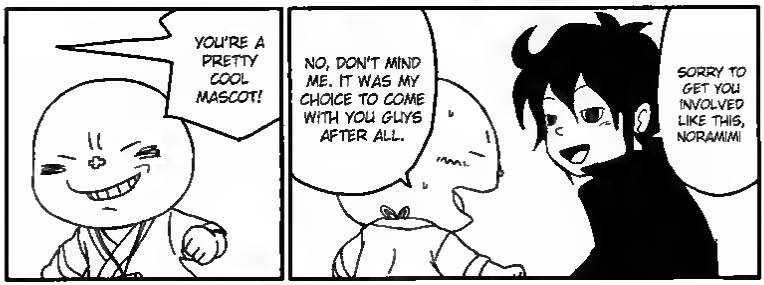
YOU'RE A PRETTY COOL MASCOT!
NO, DON'T MIND ME. IT WAS MY CHOICE TO COME WITH YOU GUYS AFTER ALL.
SORRY TO GET YOU INVOLVED LIKE THIS, NORAMIMI

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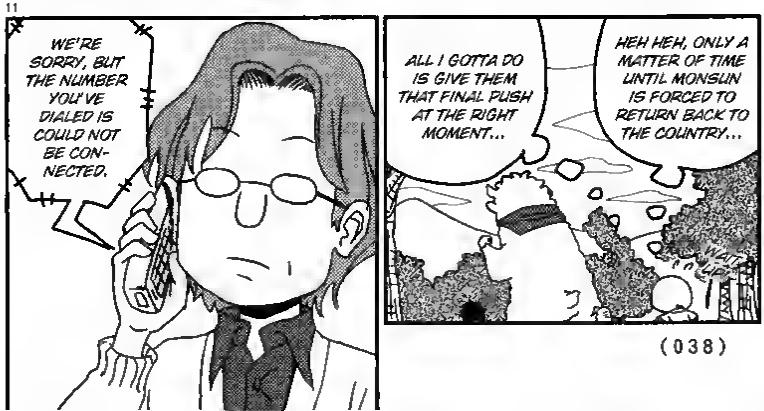
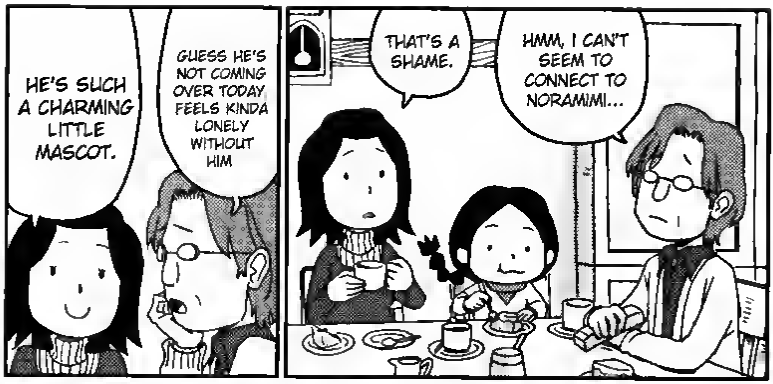
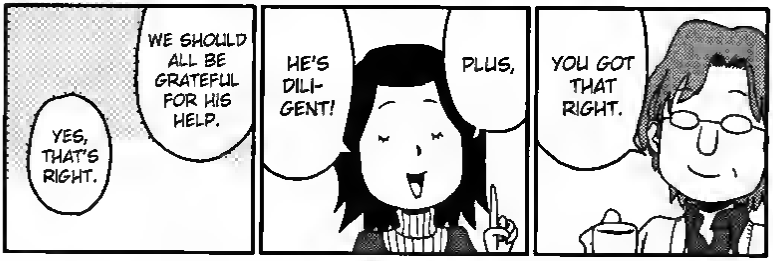
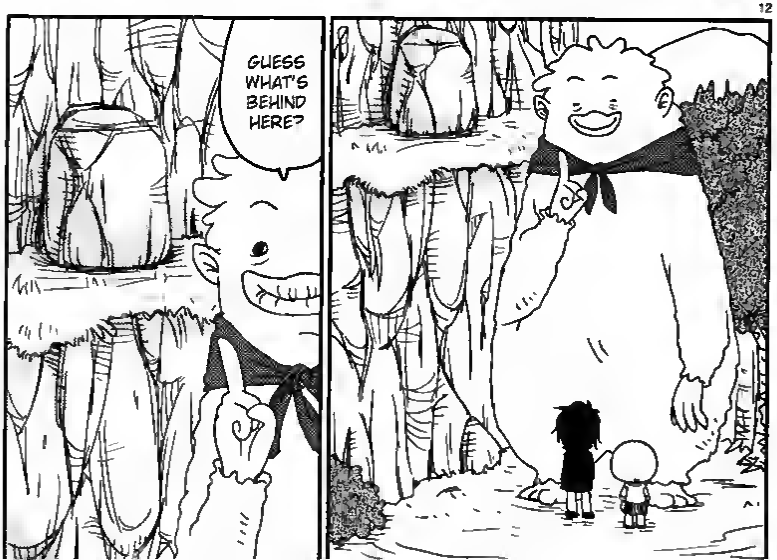
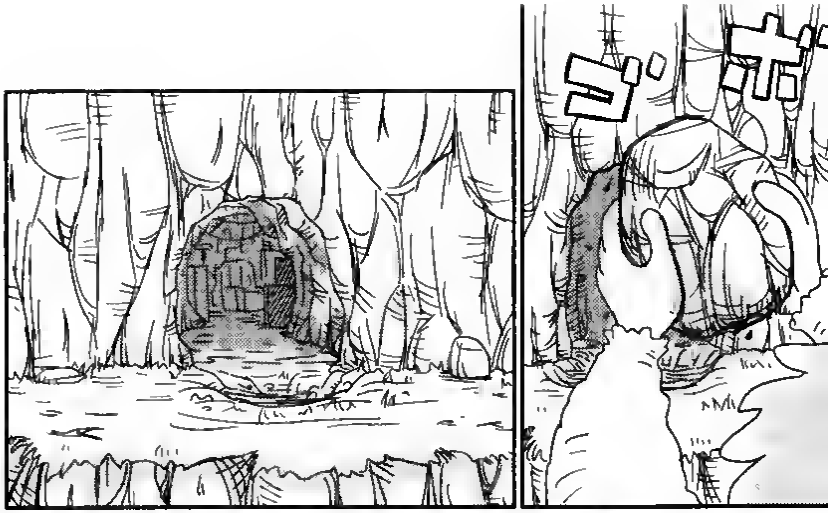

WE'RE SORRY, BUT THE NUMBER YOU'VE DIALED IS COULD NOT BE CONNECTED.
ALL I GOTTA DO IS GIVE THEM THAT FINAL PUSH AT THE RIGHT MOMENT...
HEH HEH, ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL MONSUN IS FORCED TO RETURN BACK TO THE COUNTRY...
WAIT UP!


HE'S SUCH A CHARMING LITTLE MASCOT.
GUESS HE'S NOT COMING OVER TODAY. FEELS KINDA LONELY WITHOUT HIM
THAT'S A SHAME.
HMM, I CAN'T SEEM TO CONNECT TO NORAMIMI...


YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
WE SHOULD ALL BE GRATEFUL FOR HIS HELP.
HE'S DILI-GENT!
PLUS,
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT.


GUESS WHAT'S BEHIND HERE?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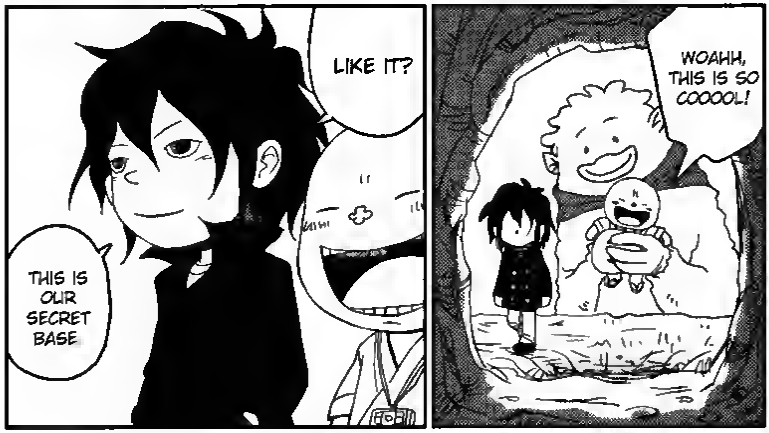
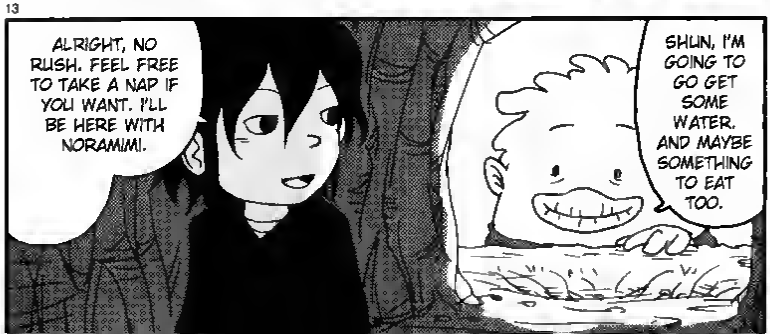

LIKE IT?
THIS IS OUR SECRET BASE.
WOAHH, THIS IS SO COOOOL!


ALRIGHT, NO RUSH. FEEL FREE TO TAKE A NAP IF YOU WANT. I'LL BE HERE WITH NORAMIMI.
SHUN, I'M GOING TO GO GET SOME WATER. AND MAYBE SOMETHING TO EAT TOO.

AWE-SOME!
WOAH!!!
I'VE NEVER BEEN IN A SECRET BASE BEFORE!
THIS IS SO COOL!
I'M THINKING OF RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME WITH MONSUN.
HEY, NORAMIMI...
OUR CURRENT HOME'S NO GOOD. EVERYONE IN THE CITY GIVES MONSUN DIRTY LOOKS.
ALL OUR PROBLEMS WILL BE SOLVED IF WE JUST LIVE OUT HERE AGAIN.
AFTER COMING BACK HERE, I REALIZED IT.
WHA!?

WE'RE GONNA BE TOGETHER FOREVER!
IT DOESN'T MATTER AS LONG AS MONSUN AND I ARE TOGETHER!
.....
BUT OUT HERE, NOBODY'S GOING TO BOTHER US!
I MEAN, YOU'RE ONLY IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!
AND YOUR PARENTS WILL WORRY...
D-DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S A LITTLE...
BUT DON'T WORRY, YOUR SECRET'S SAFE WITH ME.
I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH OF A HELP I CAN BE, BUT I'LL TRY MY BEST...
YOU SURE ARE A STUBBORNLY DETERMINED KID...
OH.
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WELL, HOPEFULLY THINGS'LL WORK OUT SOMEHOW.
I WANTED TO SEE HOW YOU'D REACT BEFORE I TOLD MONSUN.
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT SAY THAT.

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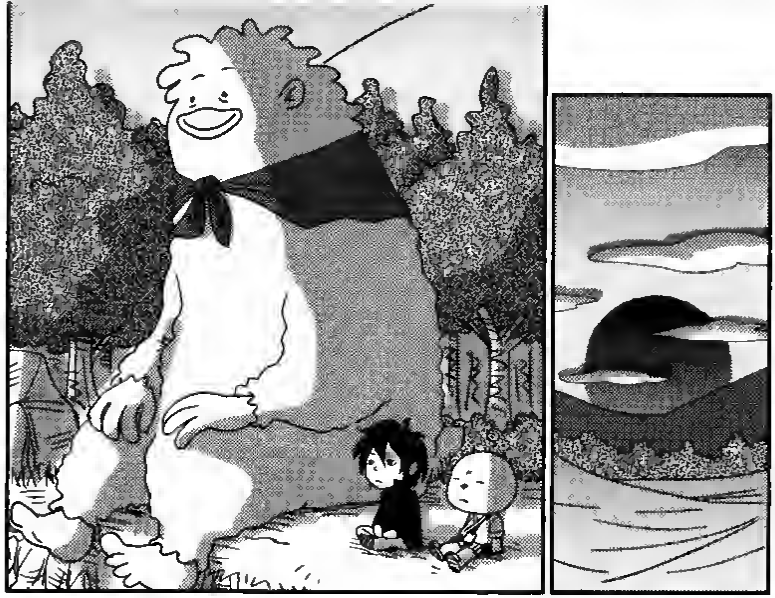
AHHH... THAT WAS A GOOD NAP! HAVEN'T SLEPT LIKE THAT IN AGES!
THE DAY MAY HAVE GONE BY FAST, BUT TODAY SURE WAS FUN!

YEAH...
WELL, WE BETTER GO HOME NOW...
IT'S GONNA BE TIRING TRYING TO HITCHHIKE BACK...

I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU SO LISTEN CAREFULLY.
MONSUN...

IS THAT YOU SHOULD STAY HERE AND GUARD OUR BASE.
BASICALLY WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY,
AND I THINK THE ONLY ONE QUALIFIED FOR SUCH IMPOR-TANT RESPONSI-BILITIES,
IS YOU...
OUR SECRET BASE NEEDS SOMEONE TO MAINTAIN IT IN GOOD SHAPE EVERY DAY.
AFTER COMING BACK HERE, I FINALLY REALIZED IT.
WHAT WITH THE DUST, AND POSSIBLE ENEMY INVASIONS, IT'S A LOT OF WORK.

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WAIT, WHAT?

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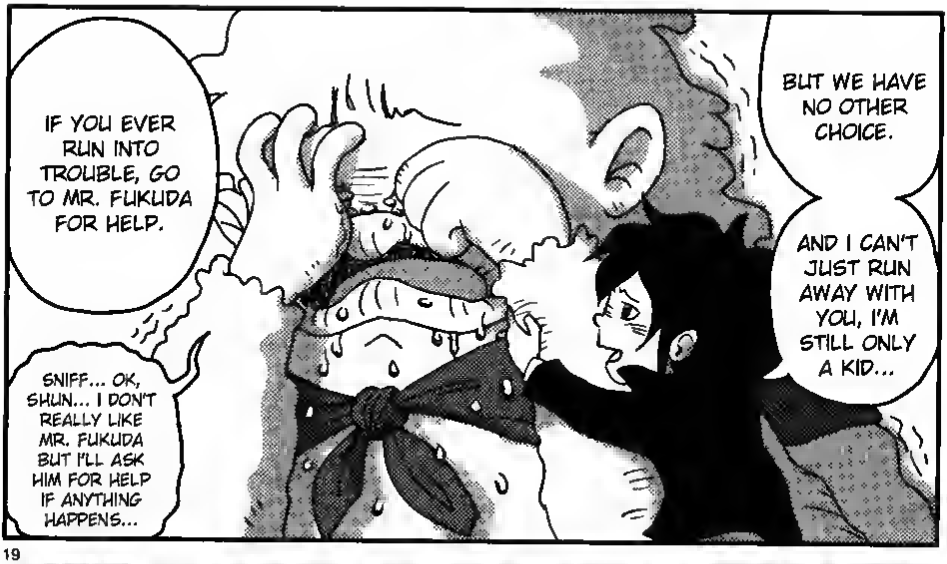
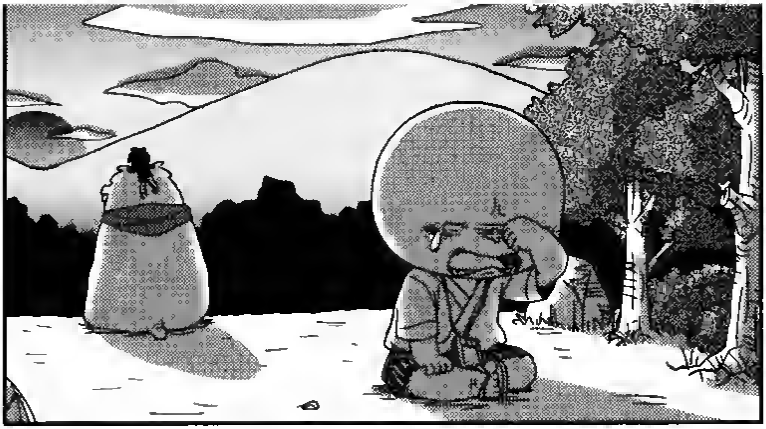
I KNOW HOW HARD YOU'VE TRIED NOT TO SAY ANYTHING FOR MY SAKE...
MON-SUN...
EVEN NOW, I REALLY REALLY DON'T WANT TO GO BACK...
I'M... I'M SORRY... I JUST CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL LIKE RUNNING AWAY FROM OUR NEW HOME...


IF YOU EVER RUN INTO TROUBLE, GO TO MR. FUKUDA FOR HELP.
SNIFF... OK, SHUN... I DON'T REALLY LIKE MR. FUKUDA BUT I'LL ASK HIM FOR HELP IF ANYTHING HAPPENS...
BUT WE HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE.
AND I CAN'T JUST RUN AWAY WITH YOU, I'M STILL ONLY A KID...

I'M SORRY, MONSUN...
I KNEW HOW PAINFUL IT WAS FOR YOU IN THE CITY BUT I WANTED TO SELFISHLY KEEP YOU.
I PROMISE I'LL COME VISIT EVERY WEEKEND.



AND SO YOU ASKED THEM IF MONSUN COULD LIVE IN THEIR YARD WHILE THEY'RE GONE.
SO LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT... MR. YOKODA GOT PROMOTED TO A COMPANY BRANCH OVERSEAS SO HIS FAMILY IS GOING TO BE LIVING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY TEMPORARILY.

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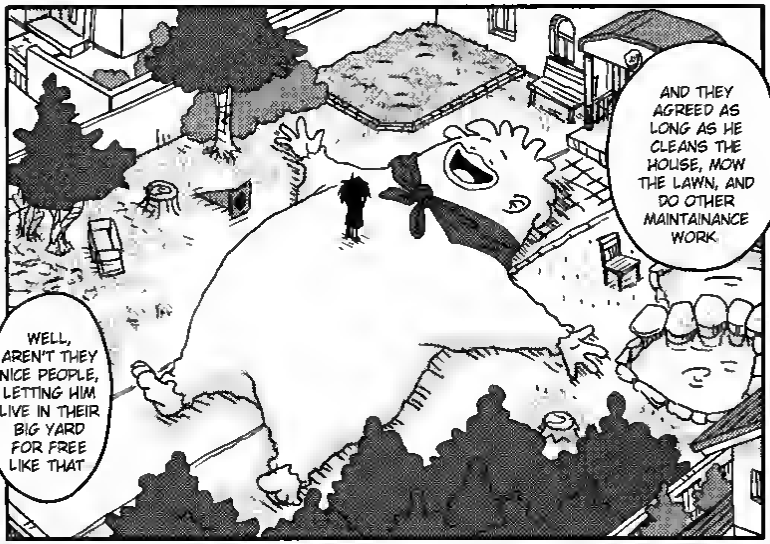
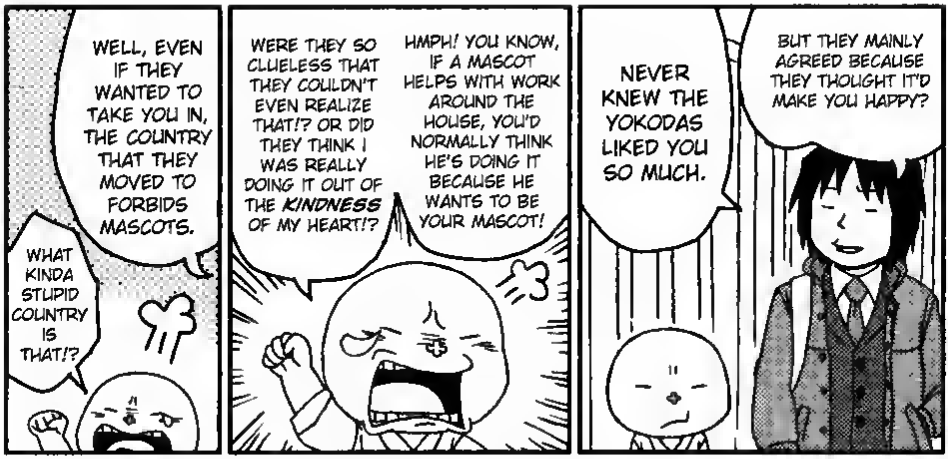
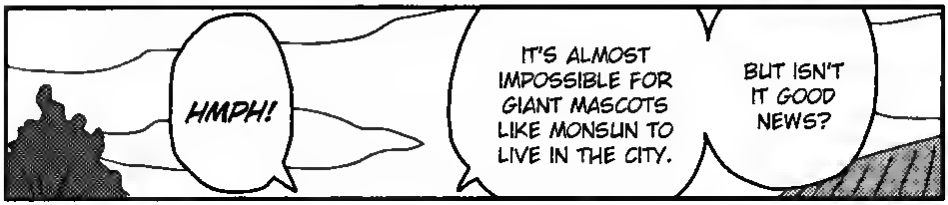

AND THEY AGREED AS LONG AS HE CLEANS THE HOUSE, MOW THE LAWN, AND DO OTHER MAINTAINANCE WORK.
WELL, AREN'T THEY NICE PEOPLE, LETTING HIM LIVE IN THEIR BIG YARD FOR FREE LIKE THAT


WELL, EVEN IF THEY WANTED TO TAKE YOU IN, THE COUNTRY THAT THEY MOVED TO FORBIDS MASCOTS.
WHAT KINDA STUPID COUNTRY IS THAT!?
WERE THEY SO CLUELESS THAT THEY COULDN'T EVEN REALIZE THAT!? OR DID THEY THINK I WAS REALLY DOING IT OUT OF THE KINDNESS OF MY HEART!?
HMPH! YOU KNOW, IF A MASCOT HELPS WITH WORK AROUND THE HOUSE, YOU'D NORMALLY THINK HE'S DOING IT BECAUSE HE WANTS TO BE YOUR MASCOT!
NEVER KNEW THE YOKODAS LIKED YOU SO MUCH.
BUT THEY MAINLY AGREED BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT IT'D MAKE YOU HAPPY?


HMPH!
IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR GIANT MASCOTS LIKE MONSUN TO LIVE IN THE CITY.
BUT ISN'T IT GOOD NEWS?

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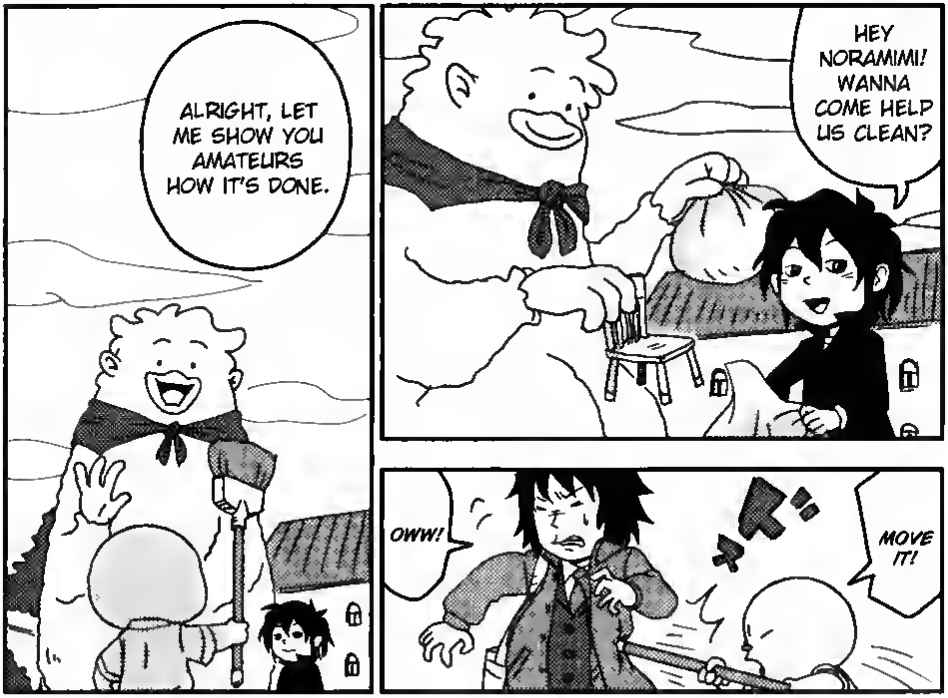
ALRIGHT, LET ME SHOW YOU AMATEURS HOW IT'S DONE.
HEY NORAMIMI! WANNA COME HELP US CLEAN?
OWW!
MOVE IT!

Mascot Profile

ID No.	01142870
Mascot Type	Giant
Name	The Giant Monsun

No. Families Serviced	3
Special Skills	Manual Labour, Garden work.
Favourite Food	Rice. *Classified as "Glutton" type.
Motto	It's darkest before dawn.
Preferred Family	Any family with a big house
Message	I'm a surprisingly very docile mascot. I hope you'll consider me.
Further Notes	A very big mascot. Careful attention must be paid to his living conditions due to his size.

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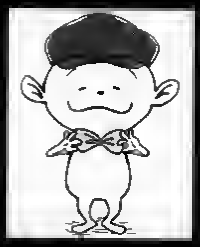
Mascot Profile

ID No.	00077165
Mascot Type	Goblin
Name	Ultra Camfor



No. Families Serviced	5
Special Skills	Playing the Ocarina
Favourite Food	Cheese (can get drunk from cheese).
Motto	An item scattered is an item unneeded.
Preferred Family	Single child in a home within 50m of a public park and convenience store. Must have own room
Message	I'm a relatively unknown mascot type. Nice to meet you.
Further Notes	The butterfly tie is his trademark.

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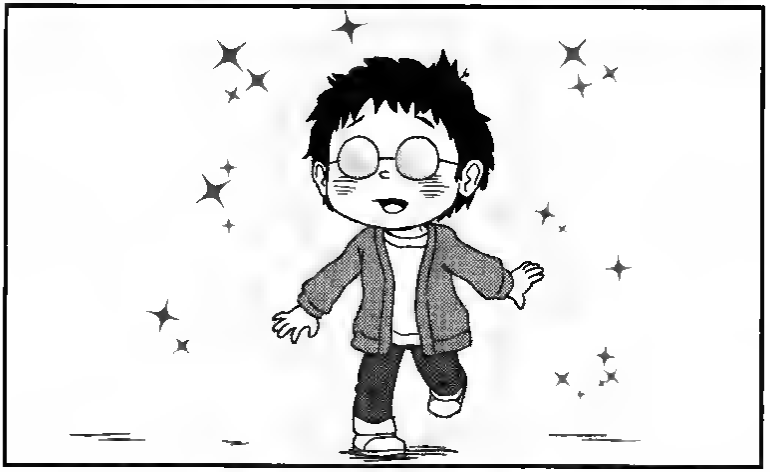
WALKING DOWN THE ROAD,
THE LITTLE BOY TURNS THE HEAD OF ALL MASCOTS NEARBY.
WHAT'RE YOU ALL LOOKIN' AT!?



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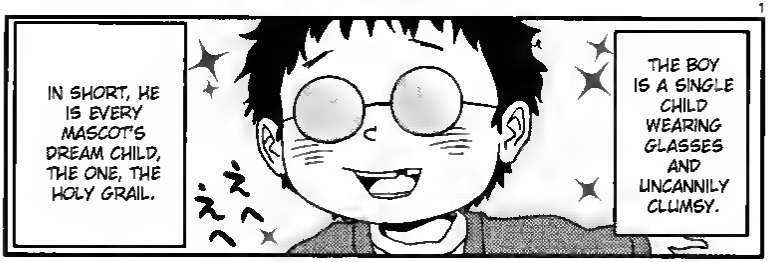
IN SHORT, HE IS EVERY MASCOT'S DREAM CHILD, THE ONE, THE HOLY GRAIL.
THE BOY IS A SINGLE CHILD WEARING GLASSES AND UNCANNILY CLUMSY.
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HE'S THE REAL THING ALRIGHT.
HE TRIPPED OVER NOTHING!?
EVEN HIS GLASSES CAME OFF AS HE FELL!!!
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WAHH!
AND I AM THE CAT ALWAYS STANDING BY HIS SIDE.
HIS NAME: TSUTOMU HE IS STILL ONLY IN THE 1ST GRADE.
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HERE, GRAB ONTO MY HAND.
YOU ALRIGHT, KID?
WHERE ARE MY GLASSES?
GLASSES
I GOT YOUR GLASSES HERE.
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Commonplace Cat

BUT IT WAS I WHO WAS CHOSEN BY THIS DREAM CHILD.

I MAY BE A COMMONPLACE CAT THAT YOU COULD FIND ANYWHERE,

WOW, THIS BOOK'S SO BIG! AND MASCOTS LIKE ME CAN REALLY USE IT TOO?
IT ALL BEGINS WITH THE USUAL CONVERSATION AT THE USUAL CAFE.
IT'LL SHOW YOU ALL THE VARIOUS WAYS TO SORT AND CLASSIFY MATERIALS SO TRY IT OUT, SALLY.
ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CLASSIFICATION
OF COURSE
I TALK JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING WITH NAOMI.
NAOMI'S A HUMAN WHO WORKS AT THE LOCAL MASCOT INTRODUCTION AGENCY. SHE CAN HOLD A COVERSATION ON A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS.
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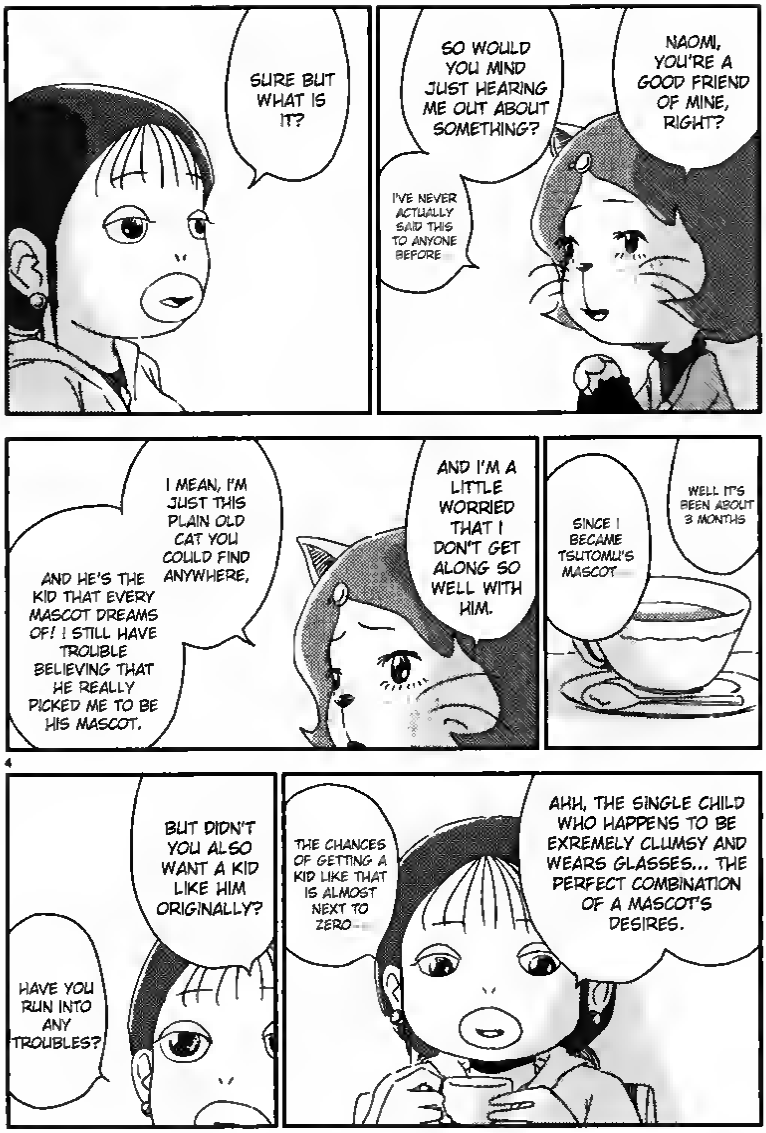
I ESPECIALLY FIND HER STORIES OF LOVE QUITE INTERESTING
AS A MASCOT, IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO EVER UNDERSTAND THIS COMPLEX EMOTION CALLED "LOVE,"
BUT I THINK HEARING ABOUT IT WILL HELP FURTHER MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MASCOTS AND CHILDREN.
NAOMI TALKS OF LOVE ALL THE TIME.


NAOMI, YOU'RE A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, RIGHT?
SO WOULD YOU MIND JUST HEARING ME OUT ABOUT SOMETHING?
I'VE NEVER ACTUALLY SAID THIS TO ANYONE BEFORE
SURE BUT WHAT IS IT?
WELL IT'S BEEN ABOUT 3 MONTHS
SINCE I BECAME TSUTOMU'S MASCOT
AND I'M A LITTLE WORRIED THAT I DON'T GET ALONG SO WELL WITH HIM.
I MEAN, I'M JUST THIS PLAIN OLD CAT YOU COULD FIND ANYWHERE,
AND HE'S THE KID THAT EVERY MASCOT DREAMS OF! I STILL HAVE TROUBLE BELIEVING THAT HE REALLY PICKED ME TO BE HIS MASCOT.
AHH, THE SINGLE CHILD WHO HAPPENS TO BE EXREMELY CLUMSY AND WEARS GLASSES... THE PERFECT COMBINATION OF A MASCOT'S DESIRES.
THE CHANCES OF GETTING A KID LIKE THAT IS ALMOST NEXT TO ZERO--
BUT DIDN'T YOU ALSO WANT A KID LIKE HIM ORIGINALLY?
HAVE YOU RUN INTO ANY TROUBLES?

I'M... I'M JUST A LITTLE CONFUSED.
I MEAN, IT'S TRUE THAT I DID PUT DOWN THE ARCHETYPICAL CLUMSY, GLASSES-WEARING BOY IN MY PREFERENCES,
BUT I'D NEVER HAVE IMAGINED EVEN IN MY WILDEST DREAMS THAT I'D ACTUALLY GET A KID LIKE THAT.
NO, NOT AT ALL. IN FACT, IT'S ALMOST EERIE HOW LITTLE PROBLEMS THERE'VE BEEN...
BUT THEN AGAIN, TSUTOMU ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE IN HIS OWN WORLD, IT'D BE HARD TO TELL EVEN IF HE DID HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ME
BUT... I DID. HE CHOSE ME.
I WAS SO SHOCKED WHEN IT HAPPENED.
WELL THEN, DOESN'T THAT PRETTY MUCH PROVE HE LIKES YOU?
THAT'S KIND OF HAPPENED TO ME BEFORE TOO.
A GUY WHO I DON'T THINK IS REALLY MY TYPE CONFESSES TO ME OUT OF THE BLUE, AND I JUST GO WITH THE FLOW AND TRY GOING OUT WITH HIM.
I CAN'T BE SURE IF HE REALLY IS MY TYPE OR NOT UNLESS I GO OUT WITH HIM, YOU KNOW?
I SEE.
SALLY, MAYBE YOU'RE JUST TOO SELF-CONSCIOUS?

I'LL LEND YOU A PAW THEN.
NAOMI. ARE YOU BUSY WITH WORK THESE DAYS?
A LITTLE.
IT IS ALMOST GRADUATION SEASON, AFTER ALL.
I ADMIT THAT I'M A RATHER PLAIN AND MAYBE EVEN UNINTERESTING MASCOT,
BUT DESPITE THAT, THERE ARE PLENTY OF PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO'RE HAPPY TO HAVE MY HELP.
AND SO I'M USUALLY WORKING PART-TIME AT THESE PLACES.
AS THE WELL-KNOWN JAPANESE PHRASE GOES, "SO BUSY AS TO EVEN WANT A CAT TO LEND A HAND," THERE ARE ACTUALLY A FAIR AMOUNT OF BUSY OFFICES WHO DON'T MIND TAKING THIS LITERALLY.
IT'S JUST IN MY PERSONALITY TO FEEL MORE RELAXED AND WORRY LESS WHEN I'M BUSY WITH WORK.
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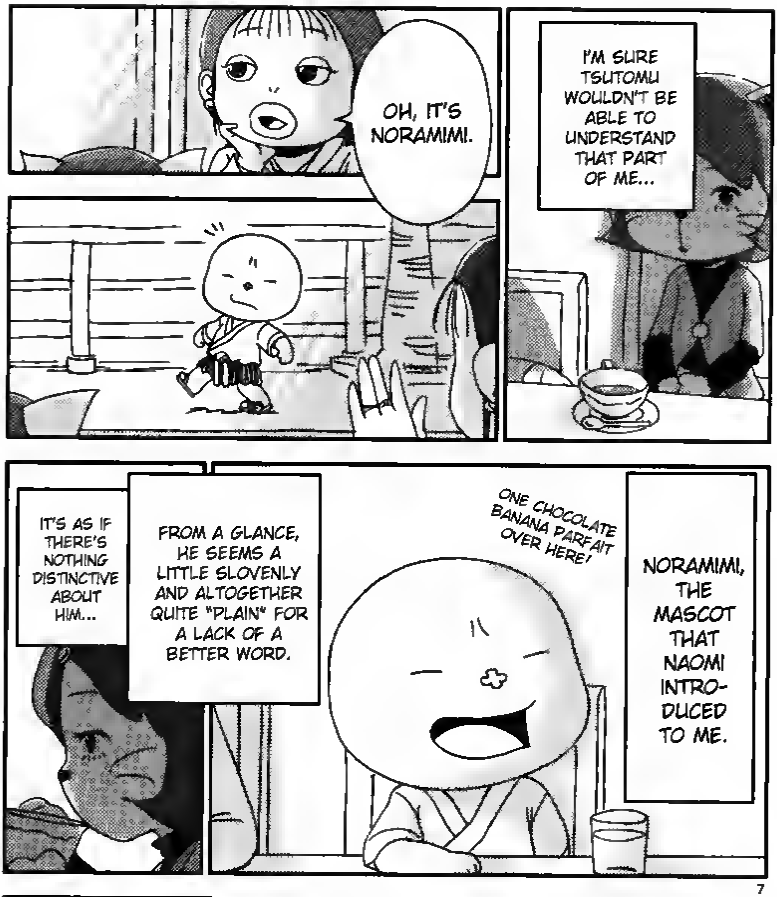
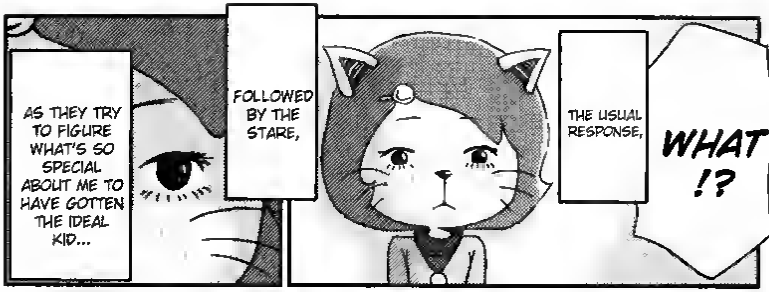
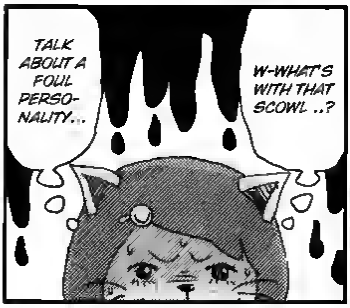
THIS PAW OF MINE,
IS ONLY AS VALUABLE AS THE AMOUNT OF WORK IT DOES FOR OTHERS.

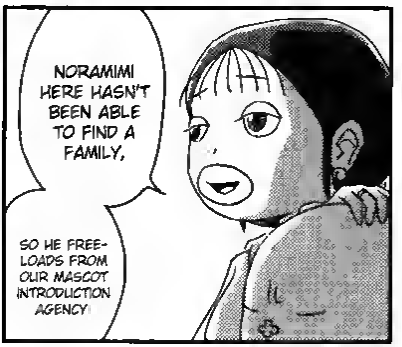

OH, IT'S NORAMIMI.
I'M SURE TSUTOMU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT PART OF ME...
NORAMIMI, THE MASCOT THAT NAOMI INTRO-DUCED TO ME.
ONE CHOCOLATE BANANA PARFAIT OVER HERE!
FROM A GLANCE, HE SEEMS A LITTLE SLOVENLY AND ALTOGETHER QUITE "PLAIN" FOR A LACK OF A BETTER WORD.
IT'S AS IF THERE'S NOTHING DISTINCTIVE ABOUT HIM...
THIS IS SALLY THE CAT.
NICE TO MEET YA. ARE YOU GETTING NAOMI TO HOOK YOU UP WITH A NEW FAMILY?
NO, SHE'S ACTUALLY A FRIEND OF MINE.
NOT ONLY THAT, SALLY ALREADY HAS A FAMILY SHE'S FREE-LOADING FROM.
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, HER KID IS...


AS THEY TRY TO FIGURE WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT ME TO HAVE GOTTEN THE IDEAL KID...
FOLLOWED BY THE STARE,
THE USUAL RESPONSE,
WHAT!?

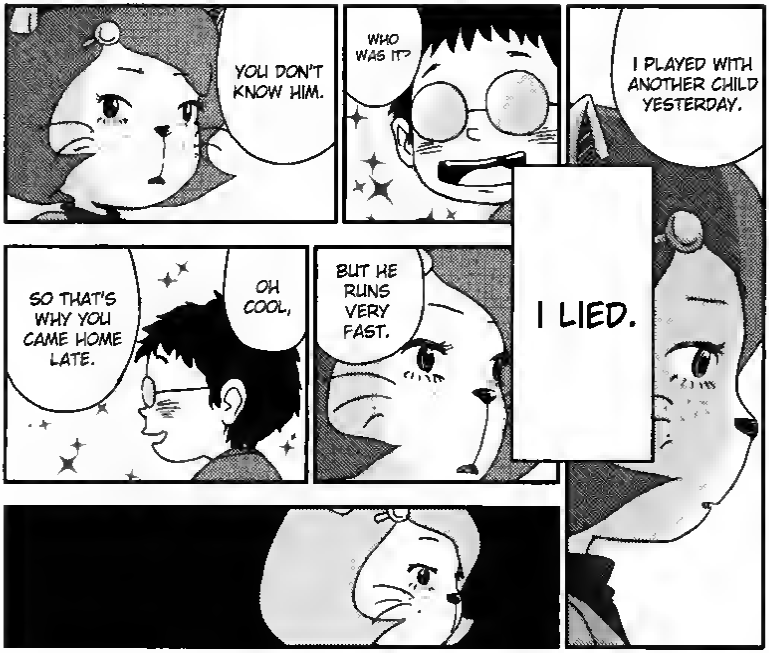

TALK ABOUT A FOUL PERSO-NALITY...
W-WHAT'S WITH THAT SCOWL ..?

GRR...

WHA!? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT!?
SHEESH!
IT MEANS EXACTLY WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE!


NORAMIMI HERE HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND A FAMILY,
SO HE FREE-LOADS FROM OUR MASCOT INTRODUCTION AGENCY!

I WONDER WHAT TSUTOMU REALLY THINKS OF ME...?
HEH HEH HEH
HUH?
WHY DID YOU PICK ME?
TSUTOMU,
THE SAME OLD REPLY...
THAT SAME OLD SLOW-WITTED AND SIMPLE MINDED REPLY THAT CONCEALS HIS TRUE FEELINGS
THE VERY ASPECT THAT MAKES HIM SO APPEALING TO OTHERS IS NOW IRKSOME TO ME
MAYBE CUZ YOU'RE A CAT AND I LIKE CATS!
UMM, I'M NOT SURE...
I KNOW IT'S BECAUSE YOU LIKE CATS...
ANSWER ME PROPERLY THIS TIME.
BUT OF ALL THE CAT TYPE MASCOTS OUT THERE, WHY ME?

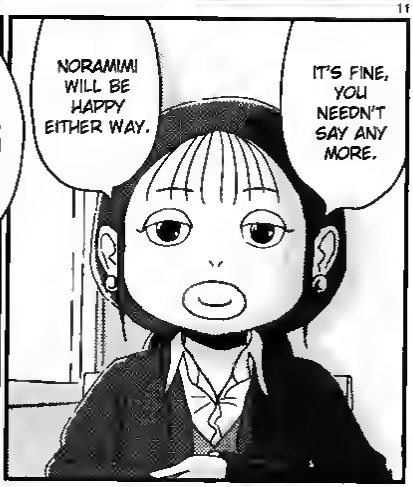

I PLAYED WITH ANOTHER CHILD YESTERDAY.
WHO WAS IT?
YOU DON'T KNOW HIM.
I LIED.
BUT HE RUNS VERY FAST.
OH COOL,
SO THAT'S WHY YOU CAME HOME LATE.

I JUST REMEMBERED I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO DO. SORRY, BUT I'LL BE AWAY FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

EVEN I DON'T KNOW WHY I MENTIONED NORAMIMI ALL OF A SUDDEN.
WAS IT BECAUSE HE LEFT QUITE AN IMPRESSION ON ME BACK AT LUNCH?
WAS IT BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TSUTOMU TO BE ALONE?
COULD IT BE THAT I SYMPATHIZED WITH HIS SAD SITUATION?
OR WAS IT BECAUSE I FELT ARROGANTLY CONFIDENT THAT A MASCOT LIKE HIM COULD NEVER REPLACE ME IN TSUTOMU'S HEART...?

BUT A MASCOT CALLED NORAMIMI WILL BE HERE TO PLAY WITH YOU WHILE I'M GONE.
I HOPE YOU'LL GET ALONG WITH HIM.

BUT NO MATTER WHAT THE REASON MAY HAVE BEEN, I JUST FELT LIKE GETTING AWAY FROM IT ALL FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
I'M YOUR FRIEND, AREN'T I?
JUST ASK IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU.
THANKS...


NORAMIMI WILL BE HAPPY EITHER WAY.
IT'S FINE, YOU NEEDN'T SAY ANY MORE.

ALL I DID WAS BUSY MYSELF WITH WORK, WORK, AND MORE WORK.
BUT OF COURSE, I HAD NOTHING ACTUALLY IMPORTANT TO DO.
HAHA, TRUE...
YOU SURE ARE WORKING HARD
THANK YOU.

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WORKING SO HARD THAT I CAN FORGET ABOUT ALL ELSE.
THE ONLY THING IMPORTANT IS WHAT'S IN FRONT OF ME RIGHT NOW. DON'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE.

SO SLEEPY...
GUESS NAOMI'S NOT IN YET...
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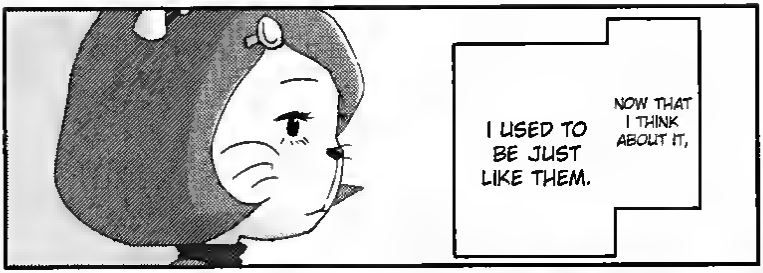
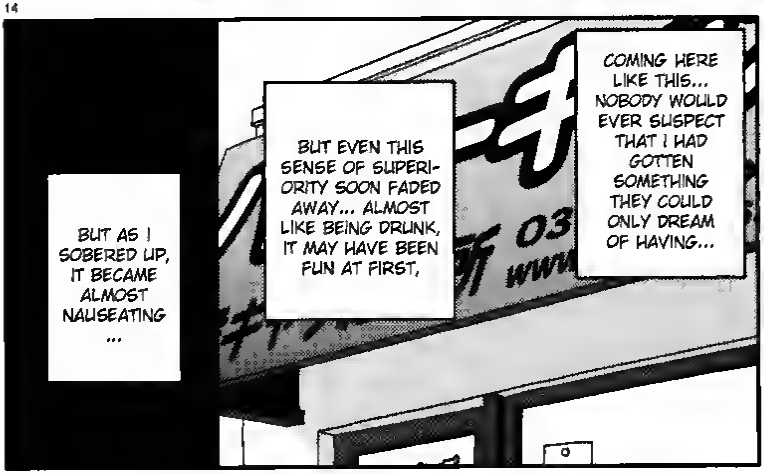
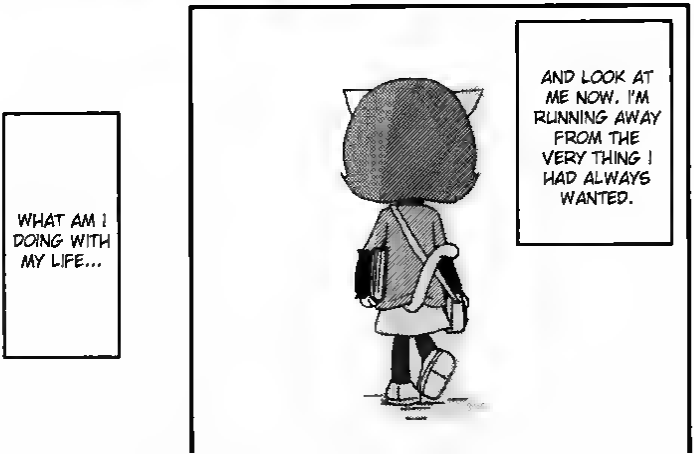

I USED TO BE JUST LIKE THEM.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT,


BUT AS I SOBERED UP, IT BECAME ALMOST NAUSEATING ...
BUT EVEN THIS SENSE OF SUPERIORITY SOON FADED AWAY... ALMOST LIKE BEING DRUNK, IT MAY HAVE BEEN FUN AT FIRST,
COMING HERE LIKE THIS... NOBODY WOULD EVER SUSPECT THAT I HAD GOTTEN SOMETHING THEY COULD ONLY DREAM OF HAVING...


WHAT AM I DOING WITH MY LIFE...
AND LOOK AT ME NOW. I'M RUNNING AWAY FROM THE VERY THING I HAD ALWAYS WANTED.

I WALK THROUGH THE PARK AND THE ROADS LINED WITH TREES,
MY FEET FEEL SURPRISINGLY LIGHT.
WALKING AIMLESSLY, I KEEP A CONSTANT PACE. STEP BY STEP.
I LOOK UP AND THE BRIGHT SUN HURTS MY EYES A LITTLE.
AND I COME ACROSS A WATER TOWER.
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I'M NOT SURE WHICH TYPE OF FLOWER IT IS BUT THAT SWEET SCENT OF NECTAR IS UNMISTAKEABLE.
I CAN SMELL THE SCENT OF FLOWERS COMING FROM SOMEWHERE.
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THE CHANGE OF THE SEASONS.
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IT SEEMS THAT SPRING IS ALMOST UPON US.
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BUT MY SHIVERING BODY TELLS ME THAT IT'S STILL TOO COLD FOR A CAT.
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AND THEN I START JOGGING UP THE STAIRS.
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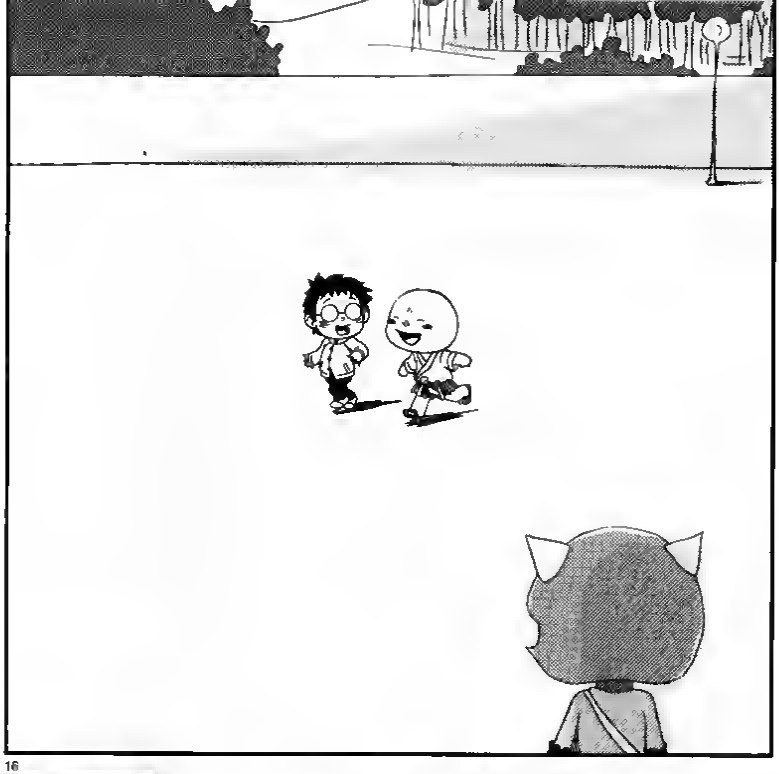
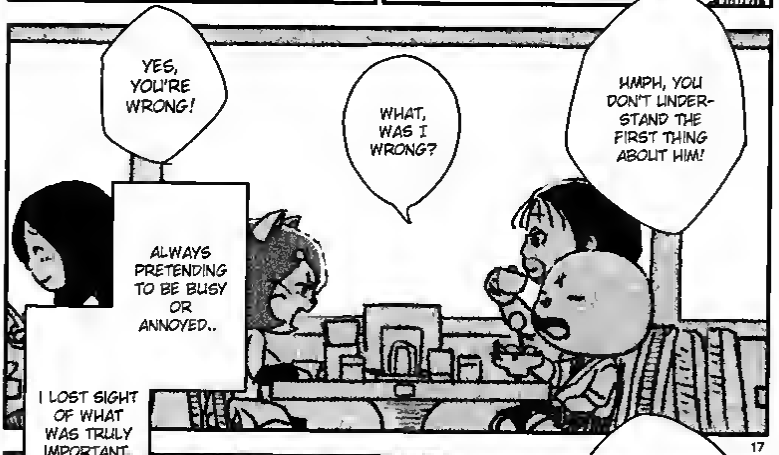
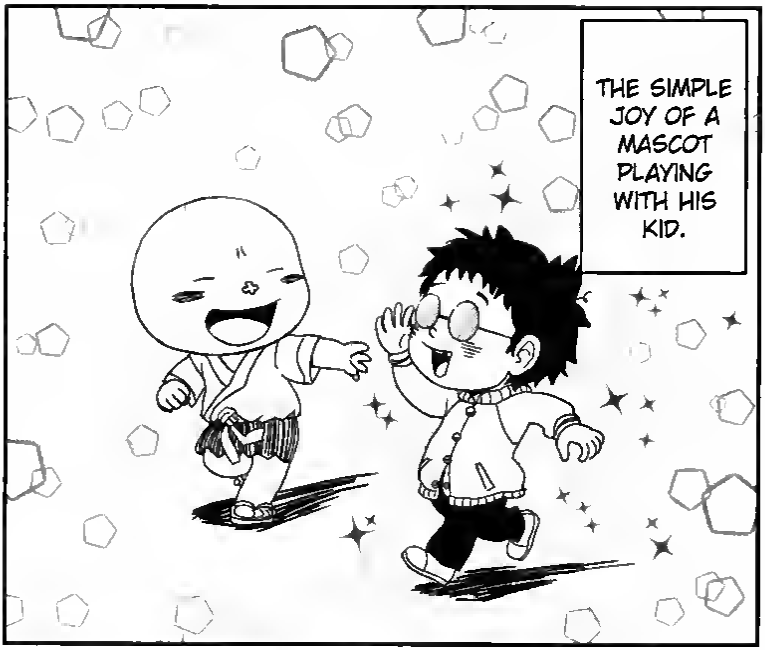


YUP, THEY'RE A LOT OF WORK.
AND YOU GOTTA HIDE THE SNACKS BEFORE MEALTIME SO HE DOESN'T RUIN HIS APPETITE.
HATES TAKING BATHS SO YOU GOTTA FORCE HIM TO TAKE OFF ALL HIS CLOTHES.
SINGLE CHILD, GLASSES, AND CLUMSY? YEAH, I KNOW THE TYPE.


YES, YOU'RE WRONG!
WHAT, WAS I WRONG?
HMPH, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE FIRST THING ABOUT HIM!
ALWAYS PRETENDING TO BE BUSY OR ANNOYED..
I LOST SIGHT OF WHAT WAS TRULY IMPORTANT.

WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW!?
THAT'S WHY YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FIND A FAMILY TO FREELOAD OFF OF!
CLUMSY BOYS WEARING GLASSES ALL LOVE CATS! DON'T YOU EVEN KNOW SOMETHING AS OBVIOUS AS THAT!?


THE SIMPLE JOY OF A MASCOT PLAYING WITH HIS KID.

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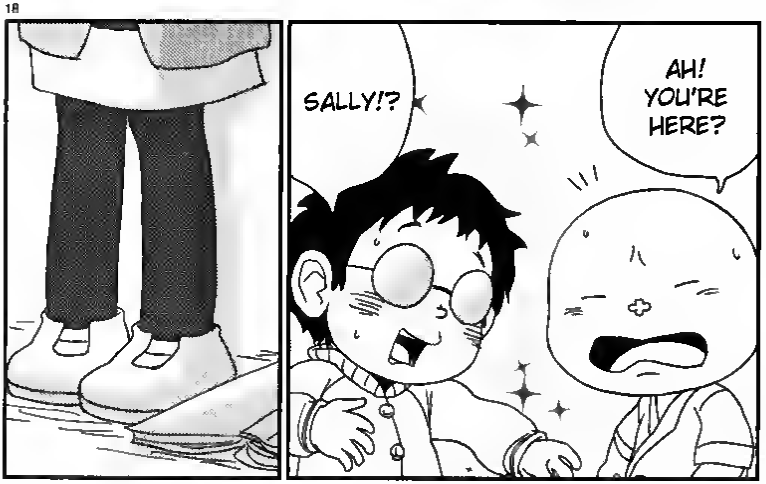
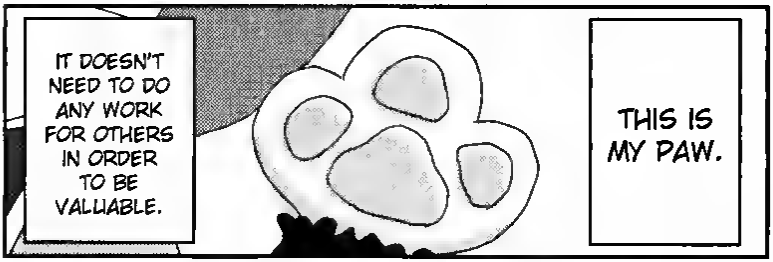
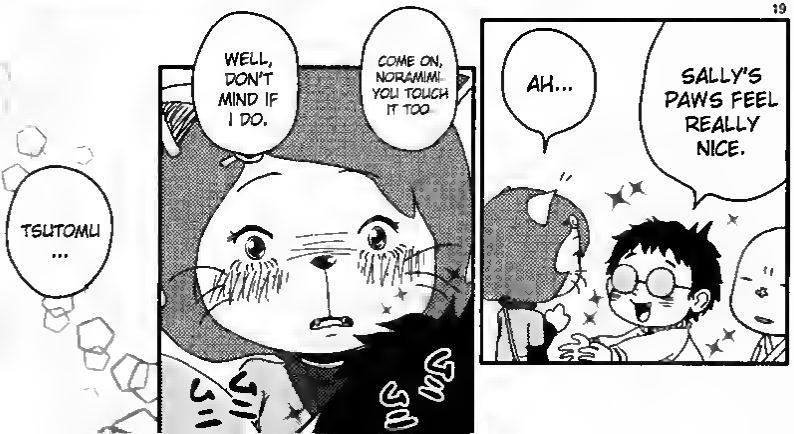

SALLY!?
AH! YOU'RE HERE?

HAHA, HI...
I UHH... I CAME BACK SOONER THAN I THOUGHT I WOULD...


IT DOESN'T NEED TO DO ANY WORK FOR OTHERS IN ORDER TO BE VALUABLE.
THIS IS MY PAW.


AH...
SALLY'S PAWS FEEL REALLY NICE.
COME ON, NORAMIMI. YOU TOUCH IT TOO.
WELL, DON'T MIND IF I DO.
TSUTOMU...

ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?
AGHH!
BACK OFF!
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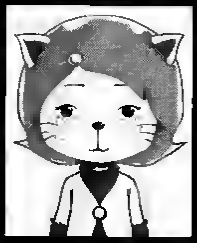
MY HAPPY FREELOADING DAYS WILL FINALLY BE ABLE TO BEGIN.
I THINK I'LL BE FINE FROM NOW, NAOMI.
HERE'S YOUR GLASSES, TSUTOMU ...

Mascot Profile

ID No.	00220954
Mascot Type	Cat
Name	The Fluffy Cat Sally



No. Families Serviced	13
Special Skills	Helping out with various work (especially good with work around the office).
Favourite Food	Tea, dried sardines.
Motto	So busy as to even want a cat to lend a hand.
Preferred Family	A house with a girl.
Message	I tend to feel more relaxed and worry less the busier I am
Further Notes	A rather docile cat-type mascot.

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Mascot Profile

ID No.	00390481
Mascot Type	Bird
Name	The Rooster Chickenhead

No. Families Serviced	10
Special Skills	Taking pictures, waking up early.
Favourite Food	Sesame seeds.
Motto	Morning begins when you open your eyes.
Preferred Family	Would prefer not to live in an apartment.
Message	I'm as chicken as a chicken could ever be.
Further Notes	An orthodox chicken-type mascot.

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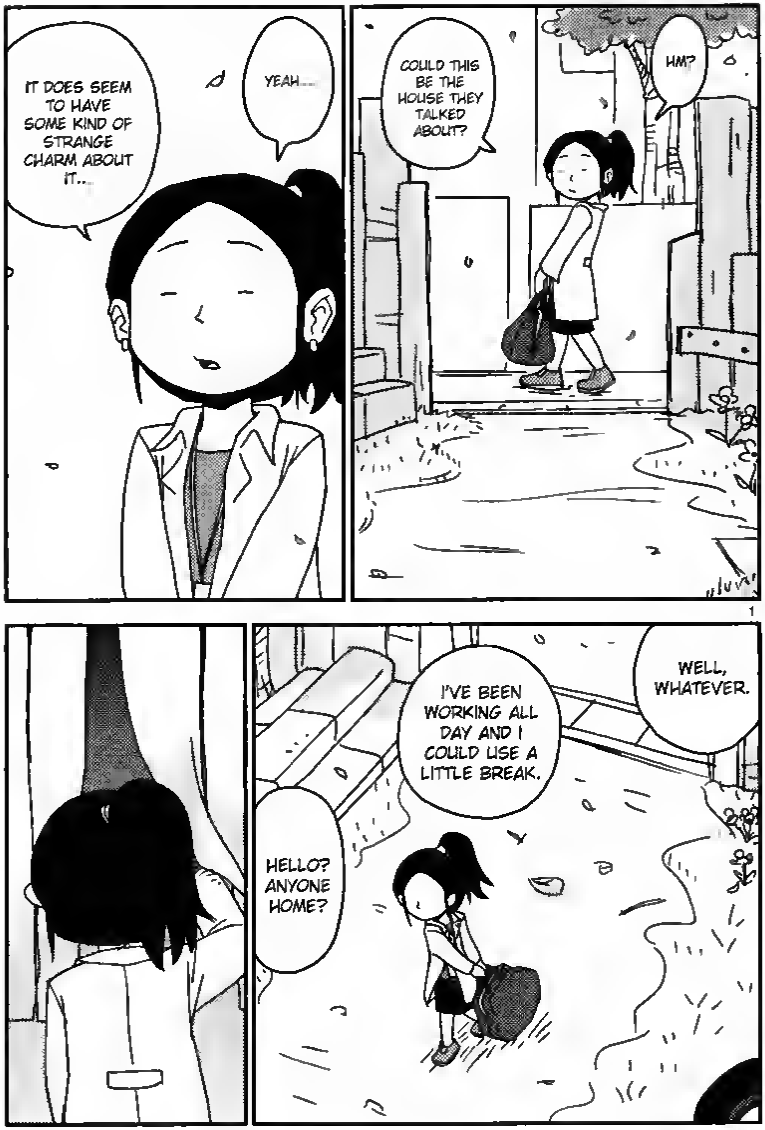
IT DOES SEEM TO HAVE SOME KIND OF STRANGE CHARM ABOUT IT...
YEAH...
COULD THIS BE THE HOUSE THEY TALKED ABOUT?
HM?
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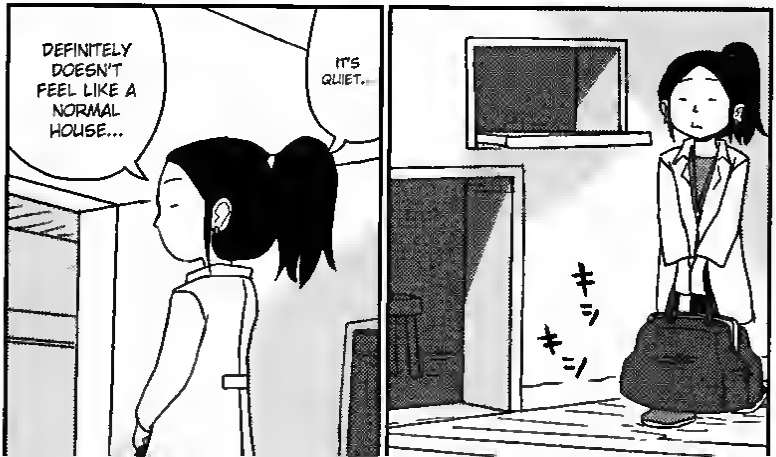
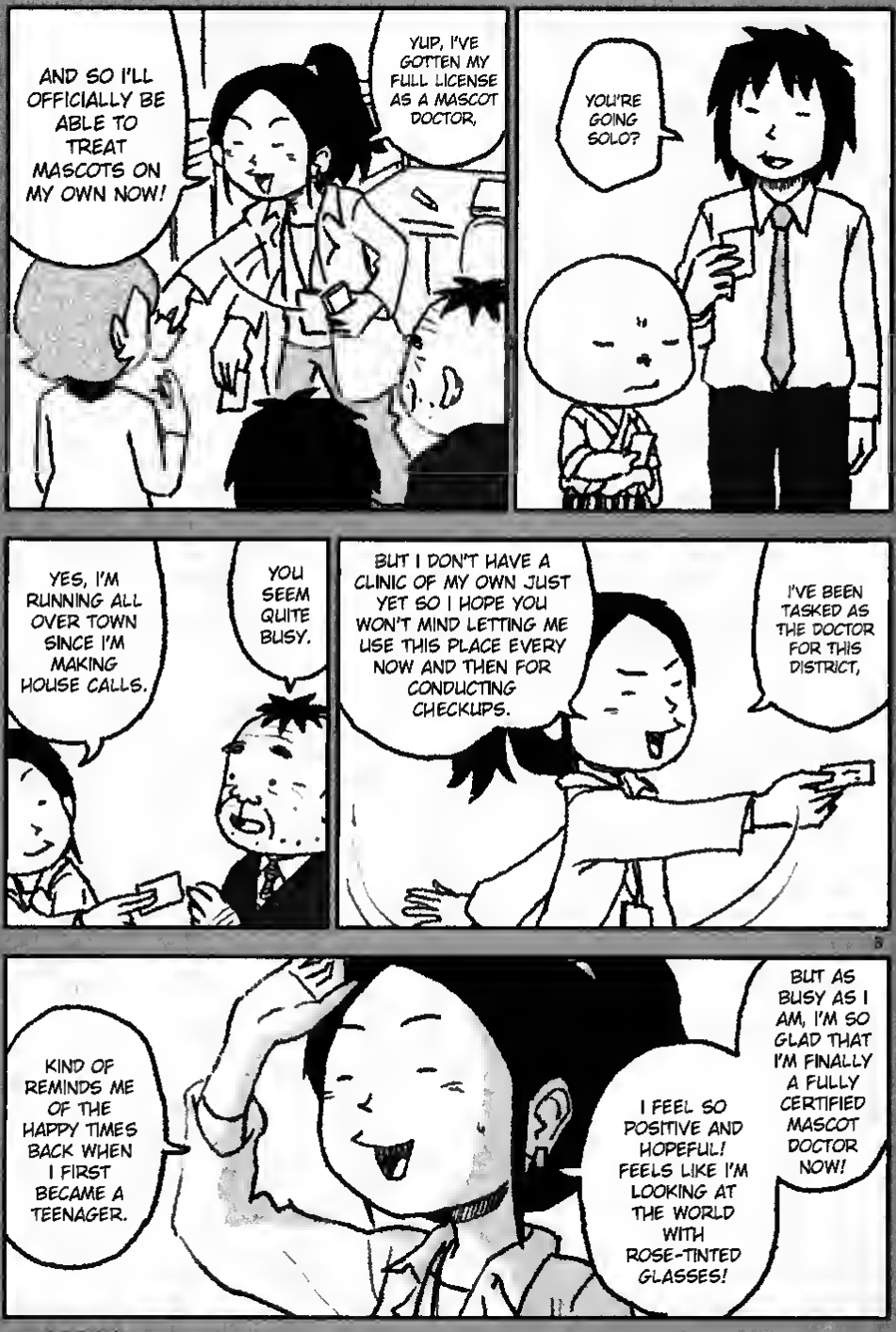
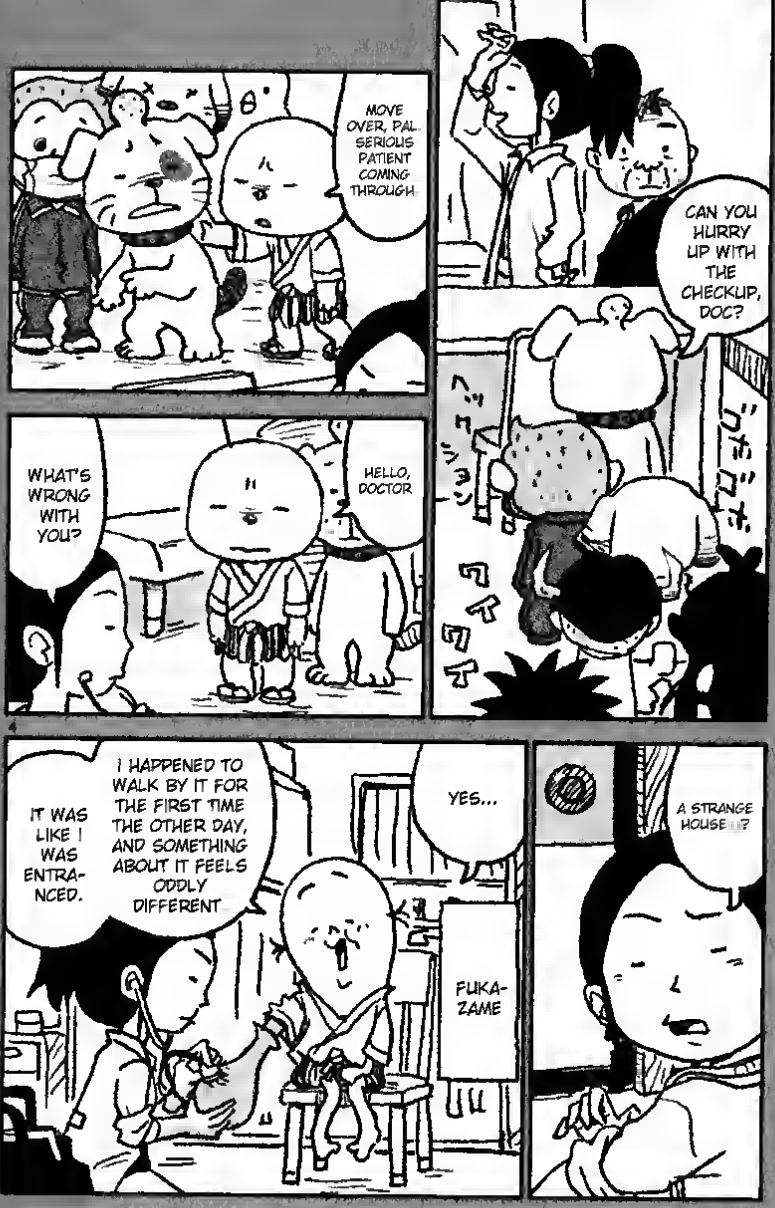
HELLO? ANYONE HOME?
I'VE BEEN WORKING ALL DAY AND I COULD USE A LITTLE BREAK.
WELL, WHATEVER.

A Dr. Midoriyama Special




AND SO I'LL OFFICIALLY BE ABLE TO TREAT MASCOTS ON MY OWN NOW!
YUP, I'VE GOTTEN MY FULL LICENSE AS A MASCOT DOCTOR.
YOU'RE GOING SOLO?
YES, I'M RUNNING ALL OVER TOWN SINCE I'M MAKING HOUSE CALLS.
YOU SEEM QUITE BUSY.
BUT I DON'T HAVE A CLINIC OF MY OWN JUST YET SO I HOPE YOU WON'T MIND LETTING ME USE THIS PLACE EVERY NOW AND THEN FOR CONDUCTING CHECKUPS.
I'VE BEEN TASKED AS THE DOCTOR FOR THIS DISTRICT,
KIND OF REMINDS ME OF THE HAPPY TIMES BACK WHEN I FIRST BECAME A TEENAGER.
I FEEL SO POSITIVE AND HOPEFUL! FEELS LIKE I'M LOOKING AT THE WORLD WITH ROSE-TINTED GLASSES!
BUT AS BUSY AS I AM, I'M SO GLAD THAT I'M FINALLY A FULLY CERTIFIED MASCOT DOCTOR NOW!


MOVE OVER, PAL. SERIOUS PATIENT COMING THROUGH.
CAN YOU HURRY UP WITH THE CHECKUP, DOC?
HELLO, DOCTOR
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
A STRANGE HOUSE...?
FUKA-ZAME
YES...
I HAPPENED TO WALK BY IT FOR THE FIRST TIME THE OTHER DAY, AND SOMETHING ABOUT IT FEELS ODDLY DIFFERENT
IT WAS LIKE I WAS ENTRA-NCED.

AHH! YOU TOO, NORAMIMI!?
HEY, I HEARD ABOUT A HOUSE LIKE THAT TOO.
SO CAN YOU PULL MY HAND OUT OF IT, DOCTOR?
IS THIS WHAT HUMANS CALL "LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT!?"
THE HOUSE ITSELF IS NOTHING REALLY SPECIAL BUT... I JUST COULDN'T HELP BUT LIKE IT!
WELL, I'LL HAVE TO GO CHECK IT OUT SOMETIME TOO THEN.
SO IT'S REALLY THAT ALLURING, HUH?
HE ALSO SAID THAT THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANYONE LIVING IN IT.
OHHH.
YEAH, KAPPAYUKI SAID THE EXACT SAME THING AS YOU.
OH, FOR GOD'S SAKE...!
OH THAT'S RIGHT, MY HAND WAS STUCK BECAUSE I WAS HOLDING ONTO THE BANANA INSIDE...
AHHH! IT CAME OFF!
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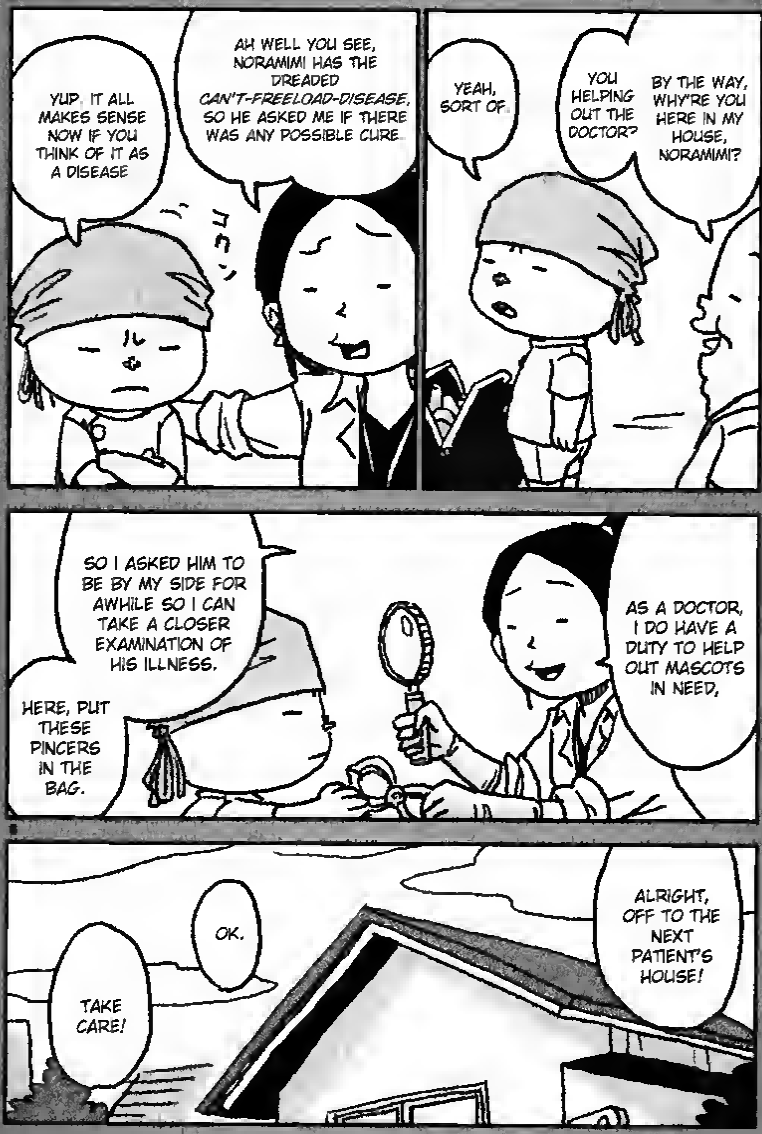
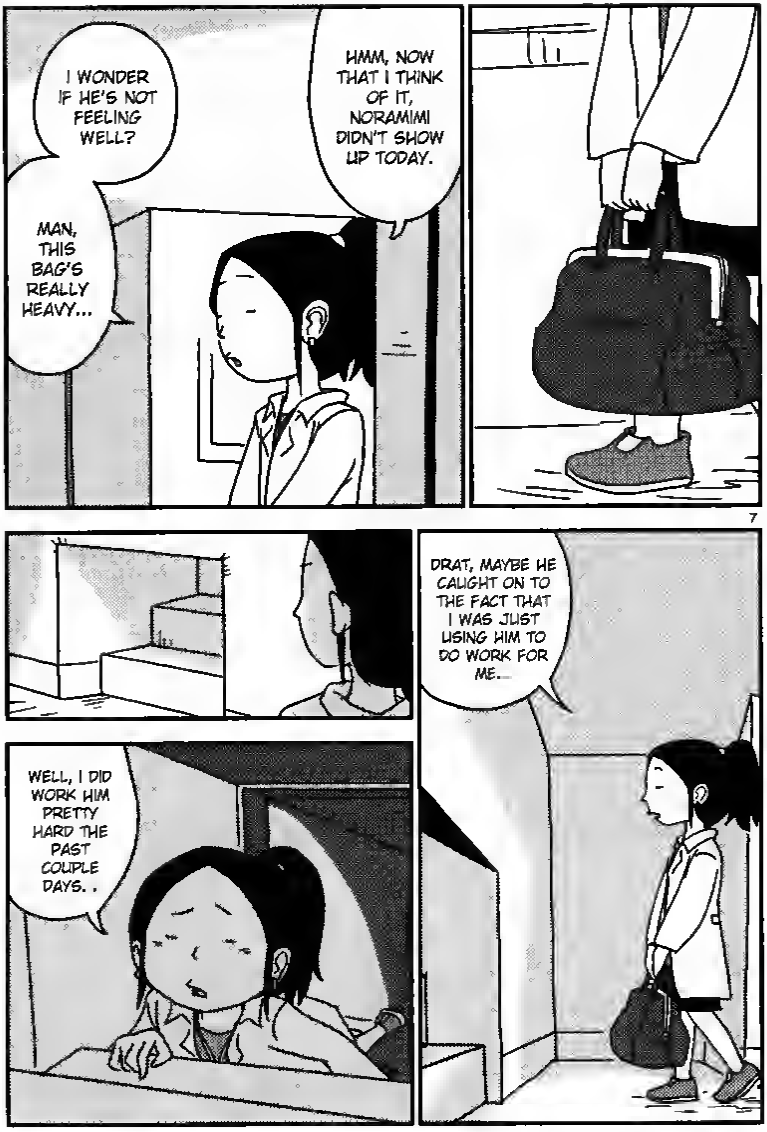
TRY OPENING YOU HAND.


YUP. IT ALL MAKES SENSE NOW IF YOU THINK OF IT AS A DISEASE
AH WELL YOU SEE, NORAMIMI HAS THE DREADED CAN'T-FREELOAD-DISEASE, SO HE ASKED ME IF THERE WAS ANY POSSIBLE CURE.
YEAH, SORT OF.
YOU HELPING OUT THE DOCTOR?
BY THE WAY, WHY'RE YOU HERE IN MY HOUSE, NORAMIMI?
SO I ASKED HIM TO BE BY MY SIDE FOR AWHILE SO I CAN TAKE A CLOSER EXAMINATION OF HIS ILLNESS.
HERE, PUT THESE PINCERS IN THE BAG.
AS A DOCTOR, I DO HAVE A DUTY TO HELP OUT MASCOTS IN NEED,
TAKE CARE!
OK.
ALRIGHT, OFF TO THE NEXT PATIENT'S HOUSE!


HMM, NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, NORAMIMI DIDN'T SHOW UP TODAY.
I WONDER IF HE'S NOT FEELING WELL?
MAN, THIS BAG'S REALLY HEAVY...
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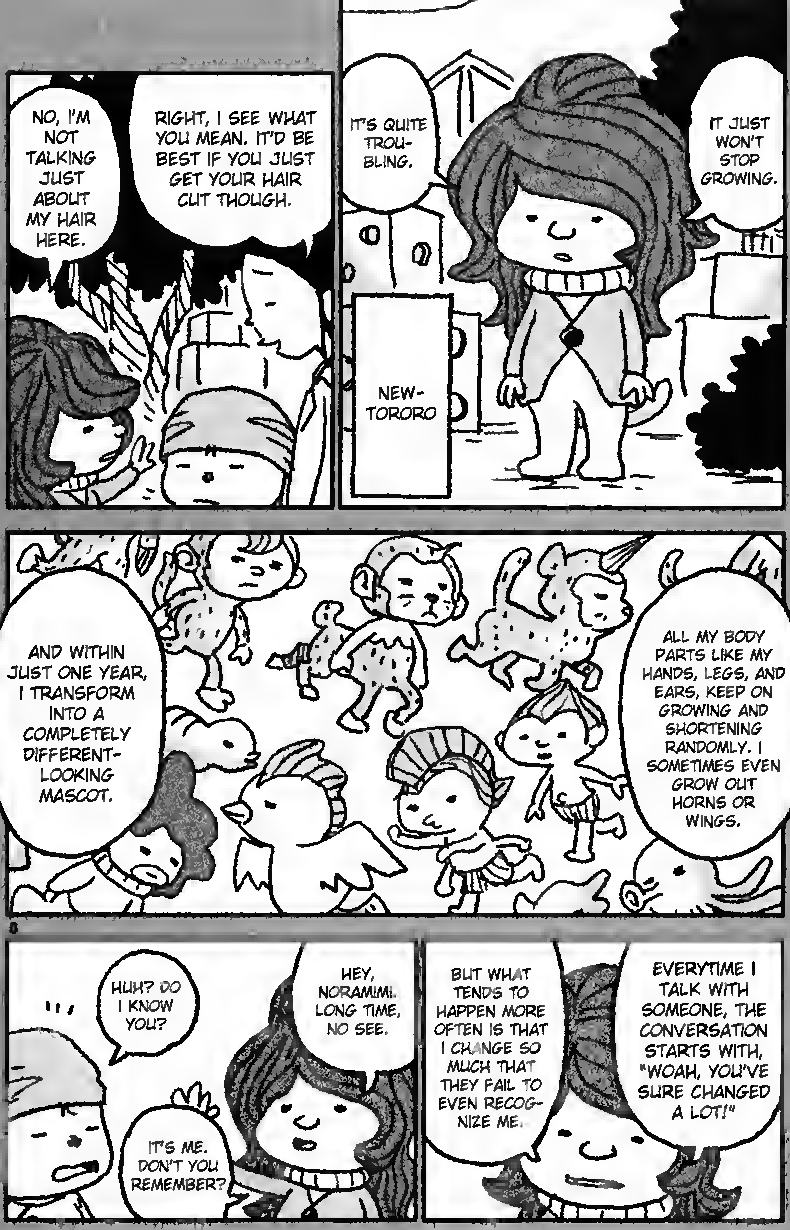
DRAT, MAYBE HE CAUGHT ON TO THE FACT THAT I WAS JUST USING HIM TO DO WORK FOR ME...
WELL, I DID WORK HIM PRETTY HARD THE PAST COUPLE DAYS. .


IT JUST WON'T STOP GROWING.
IT'S QUITE TROU-BLING.
NEW-TORORO
RIGHT, I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN. IT'D BE BEST IF YOU JUST GET YOUR HAIR CUT THOUGH.
NO, I'M NOT TALKING JUST ABOUT MY HAIR HERE.
ALL MY BODY PARTS LIKE MY HANDS, LEGS, AND EARS, KEEP ON GROWING AND SHORTENING RANDOMLY. I SOMETIMES EVEN GROW OUT HORNS OR WINGS.
AND WITHIN JUST ONE YEAR, I TRANSFORM INTO A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT-LOOKING MASCOT.
EVERYTIME I TALK WITH SOMEONE, THE CONVERSATION STARTS WITH, "WOAH, YOU'VE SURE CHANGED A LOT!"
BUT WHAT TENDS TO HAPPEN MORE OFTEN IS THAT I CHANGE SO MUCH THAT THEY FAIL TO EVEN RECOG-NIZE ME.
HEY, NORAMIMI. LONG TIME, NO SEE.
HUH? DO I KNOW YOU?
IT'S ME. DON'T YOU REMEMBER?

YUP. SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE CHANGED TOO. YOU WERE A KAMINARI KOZO BACK THEN, BUT I STILL RECOGNIZED YOU AS SOON AS I SAW YOU.
WHAT!? REALLY!? YOU!?
OF COURSE, I LOOKED LIKE AN OSTRICH BACK THEN.
IT WAS AROUND 15 YEARS AGO. WE WERE NEIGHBOURS BACK IN MORIZUTSUMI TOWN.
ISN'T THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO, DOC?
SO I END UP USUALLY LOOKING LIKE SOME WEIRD HYBRID...
NOW I DON'T MIND MY NEW LOOKS SO MUCH BUT THE PROBLEM IS THAT I TRANSFORM SO SLOWLY..
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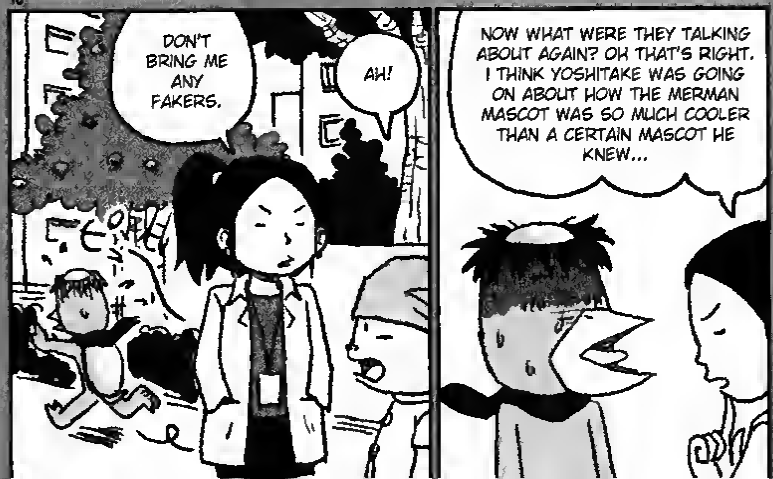
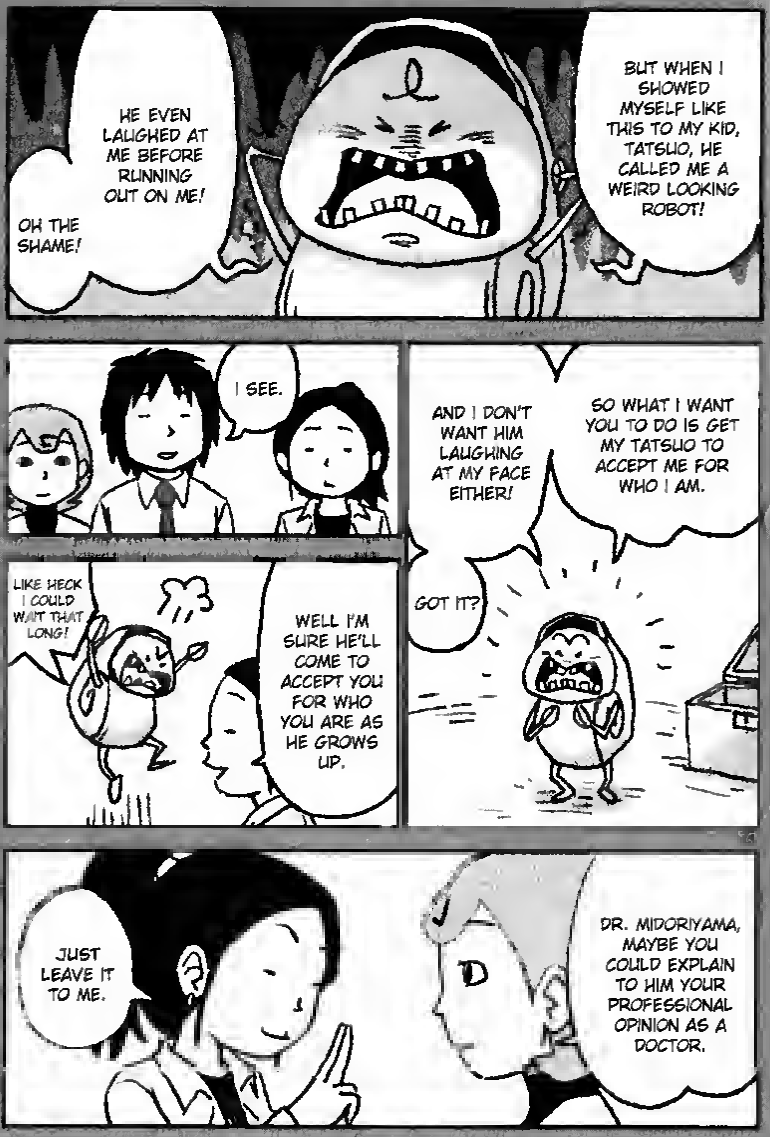
THANKS DOC...
WELL, THE LEAST I CAN DO FOR YOU IS RUB THIS HAIR-REMOVAL CREAM ON YOU.
MAN, MEETING YOU SURE TAKES ME BACK.
HMM... WELL, YOUR TRANSFORMATIONS ARE YOUR UNIQUE ABILITY AS A MASCOT, SO I'M NOT SURE IF I CAN EXACTLY "TREAT" IT...
AGHH, I FIGURED AS MUCH

I UHH, I HEARD THAT YOU GIVE OUT MEDICINAL CANDY TO YOUR PATIENTS.
YUP.
HE SAID THAT HE HAS A CHRONIC WON'T-GO-BACK-HOME-DISEASE.
KAPPAYUKI
HELLO
OKAY.. SO YOU BROUGHT IN YOUR FRIEND TO BE TREATED?
I SAW YOUR KID YOSHITAKE HOLDING HANDS AND PLAYING WITH THAT MERMAN MASCOT.
AH, I JUST REMEMBERED.
SO I WAS THINKING THAT I MIGHT BE CURED OF MY TERRIBLE ILLNESS IF I WERE TO EAT SOME OF THAT CANDY
YES, THAT'S RIGHT...


DON'T BRING ME ANY FAKERS.
AH!
NOW WHAT WERE THEY TALKING ABOUT AGAIN? OH THAT'S RIGHT. I THINK YOSHITAKE WAS GOING ON ABOUT HOW THE MERMAN MASCOT WAS SO MUCH COOLER THAN A CERTAIN MASCOT HE KNEW...

HMM, THE PATIENT SEEMS TO BE RUNNING LATE
HOLD ON A MOMENT.
LET ME TAKE THIS THING OFF.

DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A DOLL, I CAN DO IT FOR MACHINES TOO.
YUP, I'M A SOUL-TYPE MASCOT SO I CAN "GIVE LIFE" TO DOLLS LIKE THIS BY GOING INSIDE.
SO THE ELEPHANT IS BASICALLY LIKE A SUIT YOU WEAR AND MOVE AROUND IN...?
TAMA-SHIIMO
AND I'VE GROWN KIND OF TIRED OF IT ALL.
BUT I'VE BEEN INSIDE ALL SORTS OF DOLLS AND OTHER THINGS,
I HAVE TO ADMIT, THAT IS PRETTY AMAZING.
I'M INCRED-IBLY POPULAR WITH THE KIDS BECAUSE OF THIS ABILITY OF MINE.
HEE HEE
IT'S A REVOLU-TIONARY IDEA!!!
AND THAT'S WHERE THIS COMES IN! THIS'LL FINALLY ALLOW ME TO SHOW OFF MY TRUE FACE! I'VE NEVER FELT SO LIBERATED BEFORE!


BUT WHEN I SHOWED MYSELF LIKE THIS TO MY KID, TATSUO, HE CALLED ME A WEIRD LOOKING ROBOT!
HE EVEN LAUGHED AT ME BEFORE RUNNING OUT ON ME!
OH THE SHAME!
I SEE.
SO WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO IS GET MY TATSUO TO ACCEPT ME FOR WHO I AM.
AND I DON'T WANT HIM LAUGHING AT MY FACE EITHER!
GOT IT?
LIKE HECK I COULD WAIT THAT LONG!
WELL I'M SURE HE'LL COME TO ACCEPT YOU FOR WHO YOU ARE AS HE GROWS UP.
DR. MIDORIYAMA, MAYBE YOU COULD EXPLAIN TO HIM YOUR PROFESSIONAL OPINION AS A DOCTOR.
JUST LEAVE IT TO ME.

WHEW.
OH, THERE'S A COURT-YARD.
AHH.

BEAVER-MARU
YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
I SEE, SO YOU'VE BEEN WORKING AS THE NAGAYAMADA FAMILY'S MASCOT FOR OVER 30 YEARS...
I DON'T WANT A HAND-ME DOWN MASCOT!
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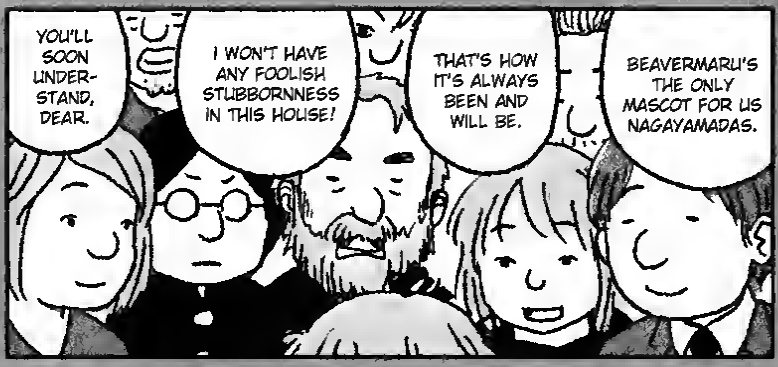
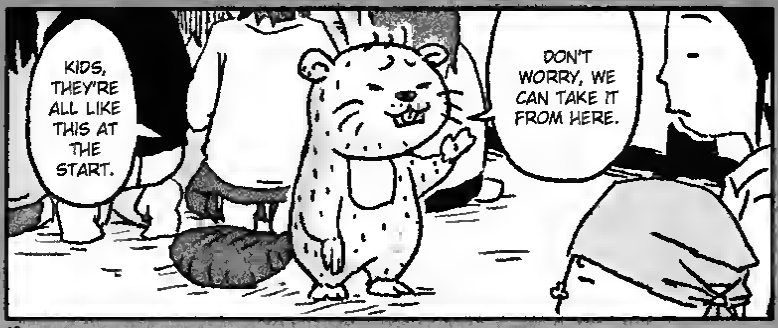
EVERYONE HERE IN THIS HOUSE PLAYED WITH BEAVERMARU WHEN WE WERE YOUNG. IT'S NOT JUST YOU.
YOSHIE, LISTEN TO ME.
I HAD NO IDEA THAT MY DAUGHTER CALLED YOU OVER HERE.
SORRY FOR THE FALSE ALARM, DOCTOR.


YOU'LL SOON UNDER-STAND, DEAR.
I WON'T HAVE ANY FOOLISH STUBBORNNESS IN THIS HOUSE!
THAT'S HOW IT'S ALWAYS BEEN AND WILL BE.
BEAVERMARU'S THE ONLY MASCOT FOR US NAGAYAMADAS.


KIDS, THEY'RE ALL LIKE THIS AT THE START.
DON'T WORRY, WE CAN TAKE IT FROM HERE.

USAGORO
SO YOUR MASCOT'S GETTING ALONG BETTER WITH YOUR SISTER, I SEE...
STOP PLAYING WITH MY MASCOT!

YOU'RE IN HIGHSCHOOL FOR GOD'S SAKE! GET A BOYFRIEND OR SOMETHING!
AND HE'S SO PHOTOGENIC!
BUT USAGORO'S SO CUTE! PLUS, WE HAVE THE SAME HOBBIES AND EVERYTHING!
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YOU JUST WENT OUT TOGETHER SOMEWHERE AGAIN TODAY!
N-NO, YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG...
BUT MOST OF THE CASES REALLY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH MY JOB.
TODAY WAS A PRETTY BUSY DAY, WASN'T IT?
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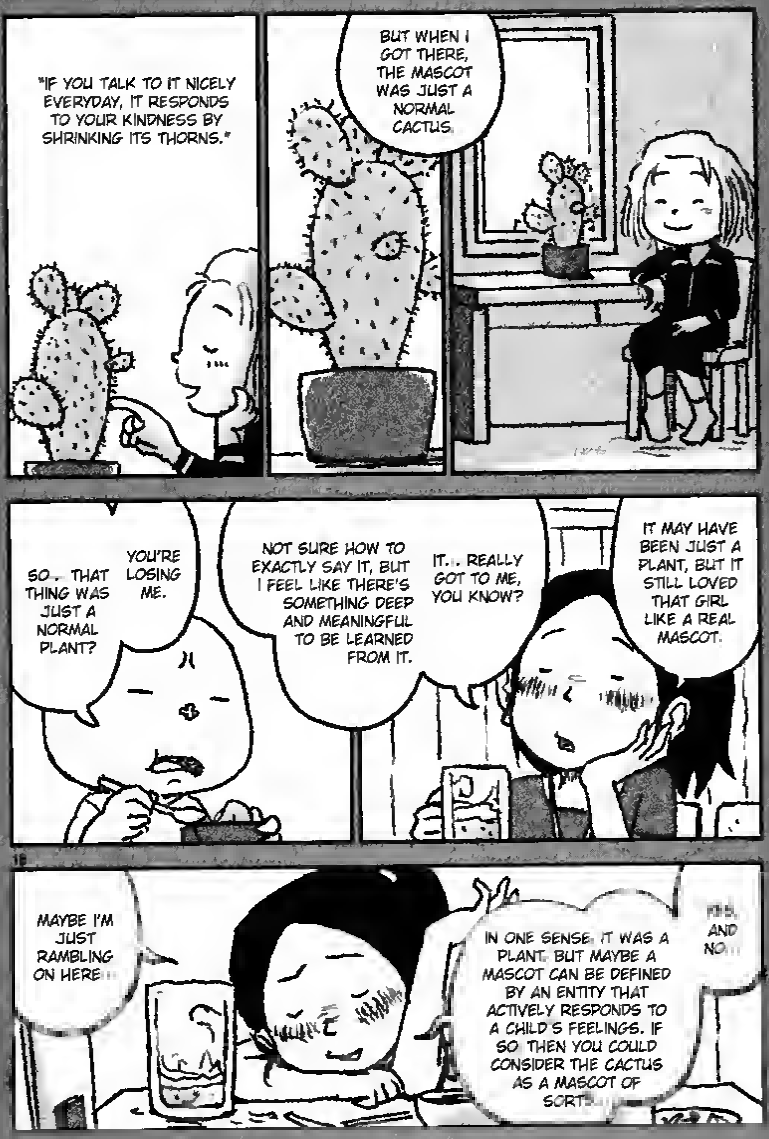
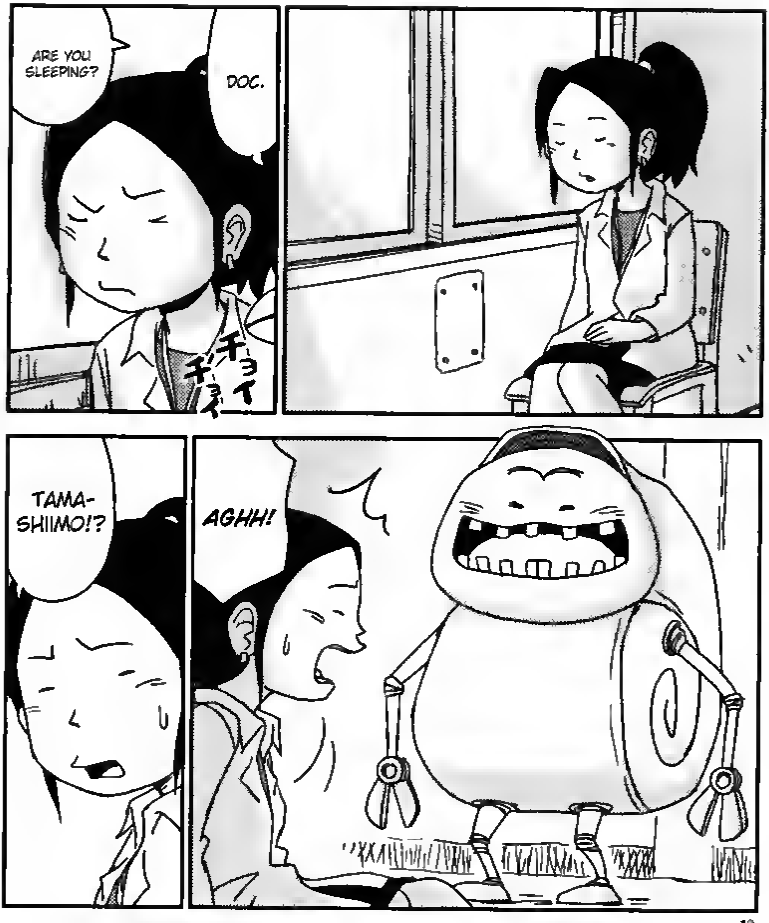
THE GIRL'S PARENTS CALLED ME ABOUT A PROBLEM WITH THEIR CHILD'S MASCOT NOT MOVING...
BUT THE VERY LAST CASE WAS THE MOST SURPRISING FOR ME
YEAH, THERE SURE ARE A LOT OF STRANGE MASCOTS.


"IF YOU TALK TO IT NICELY EVERYDAY, IT RESPONDS TO YOUR KINDNESS BY SHRINKING ITS THORNS."
BUT WHEN I GOT THERE, THE MASCOT WAS JUST A NORMAL CACTUS.
SO... THAT THING WAS JUST A NORMAL PLANT?
YOU'RE LOSING ME.
NOT SURE HOW TO EXACTLY SAY IT, BUT I FEEL LIKE THERE'S SOMETHING DEEP AND MEANINGFUL TO BE LEARNED FROM IT.
IT... REALLY GOT TO ME, YOU KNOW?
IT MAY HAVE BEEN JUST A PLANT, BUT IT STILL LOVED THAT GIRL LIKE A REAL MASCOT.
MAYBE I'M JUST RAMBLING ON HERE...
IN ONE SENSE, IT WAS A PLANT. BUT MAYBE A MASCOT CAN BE DEFINED BY AN ENTITY THAT ACTIVELY RESPONDS TO A CHILD'S FEELINGS. IF SO, THEN YOU COULD CONSIDER THE CACTUS AS A MASCOT OF SORTS.
YES, AND NO...


ARE YOU SLEEPING?
DOC.
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TAMA-SHIIMO!?
AGHH!
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MY TATSUO FINALLY GOT USED TO MY TRUE FACE!
DOC, EVERYTHING'S GONE GREAT SINCE THEN.

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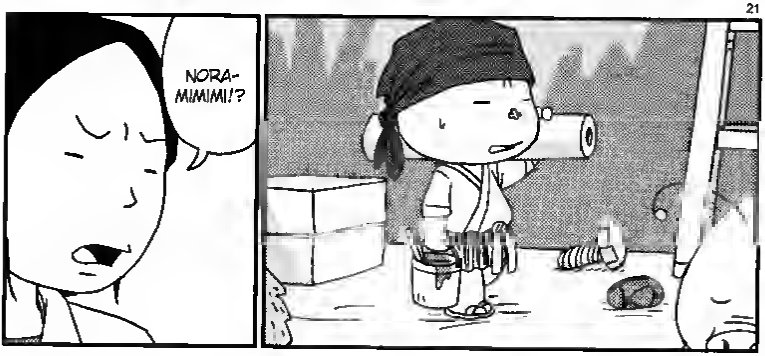

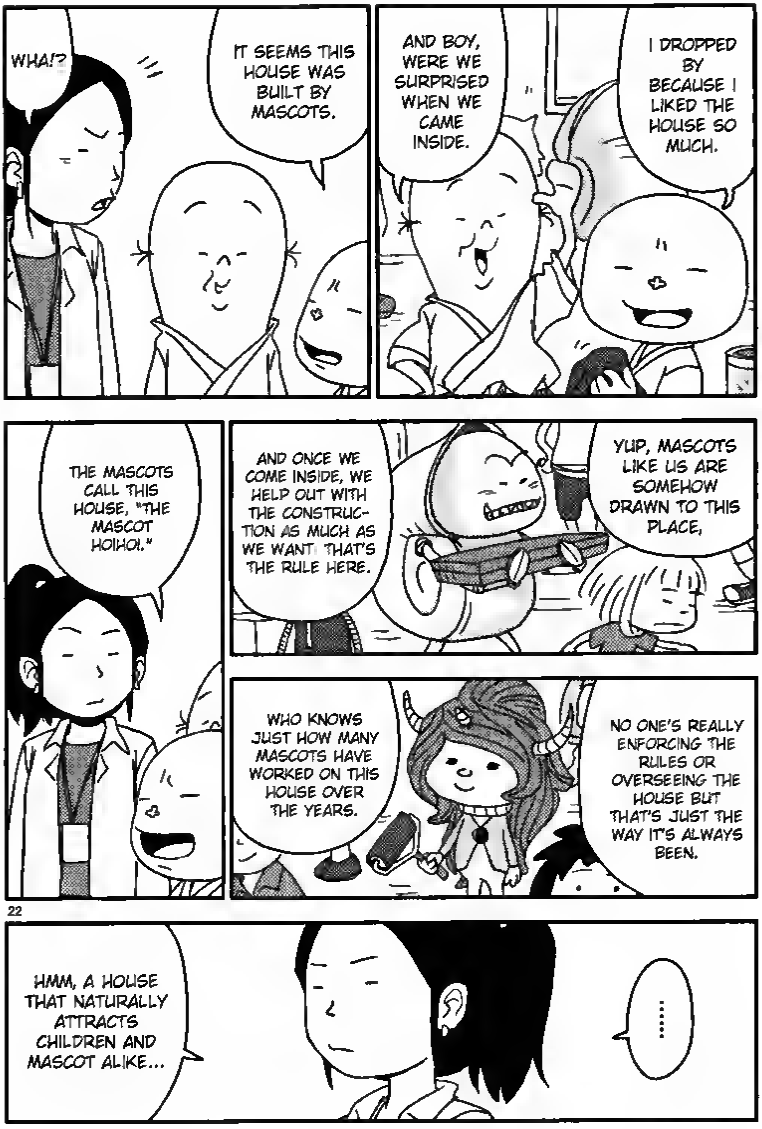
WHA!?
IT SEEMS THIS HOUSE WAS BUILT BY MASCOTS.
AND BOY, WERE WE SURPRISED WHEN WE CAME INSIDE.
I DROPPED BY BECAUSE I LIKED THE HOUSE SO MUCH.
THE MASCOTS CALL THIS HOUSE, "THE MASCOT HOIHOI."
AND ONCE WE COME INSIDE, WE HELP OUT WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AS MUCH AS WE WANT. THAT'S THE RULE HERE.
YUP, MASCOTS LIKE US ARE SOMEHOW DRAWN TO THIS PLACE,
WHO KNOWS JUST HOW MANY MASCOTS HAVE WORKED ON THIS HOUSE OVER THE YEARS.
NO ONE'S REALLY ENFORCING THE RULES OR OVERSEEING THE HOUSE BUT THAT'S JUST THE WAY IT'S ALWAYS BEEN.
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HMM, A HOUSE THAT NATURALLY ATTRACTS CHILDREN AND MASCOT ALIKE...
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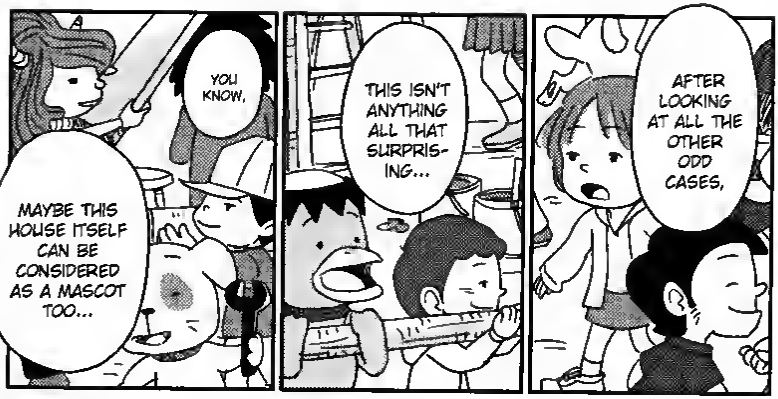
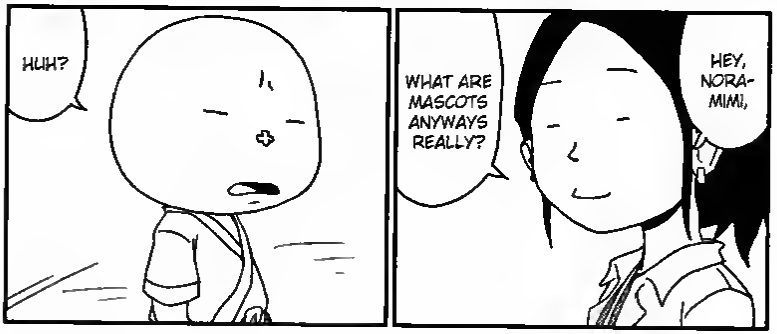
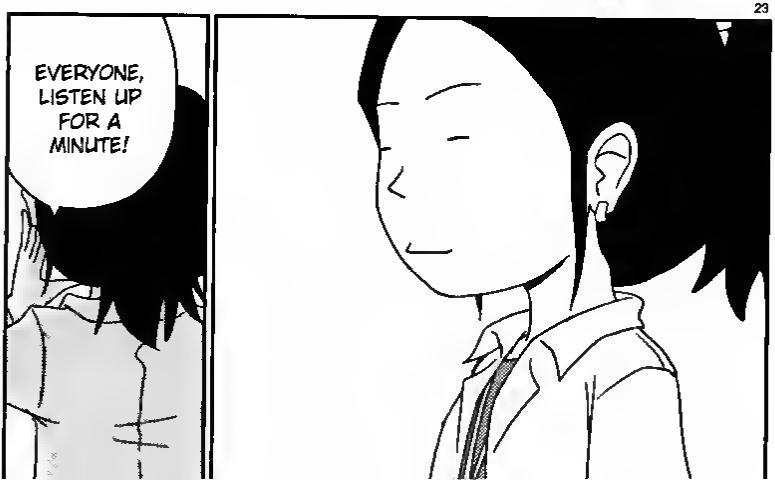

AFTER LOOKING AT ALL THE OTHER ODD CASES,
THIS ISN'T ANYTHING ALL THAT SURPRISING...
YOU KNOW,
MAYBE THIS HOUSE ITSELF CAN BE CONSIDERED AS A MASCOT TOO...


HEY, NORA-MIMI,
WHAT ARE MASCOTS ANYWAYS REALLY?
HUH?


EVERYONE, LISTEN UP FOR A MINUTE!

A CLINIC OF MY OWN AT LAST...
I'LL DO MY BEST TO BE A GREAT MASCOT DOCTOR!
MASCOT DOCTOR MIDORI-YAMA'S CLINIC
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Mascot Profile

ID No.	00050433
Mascot Type	Monster
Name	The Transforming Newtororo

No. Families Serviced	17
Special Skills	Sprouting out different body parts.
Favourite Food	Plain rice-cake.
Motto	The transience of all things.
Preferred Family	No preferences, I can freeload anywhere with anyone.
Message	I may be a rather strange mascot but I'm quite interesting, you know.
Further Notes	A mascot that is always changing its appearance. Be aware that he may not look like the above picture when you meet him

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Mascot Profile

ID No.	00798687
Mascot Type	Soul
Name	The mascot inside, Tamashiimo

No. Families Serviced	4
Special Skills	Manipulation.
Favourite Food	The liveliness of children. (lives naturally off of energy emanated by living things.)
Motto	Give it a 100% until the very end.
Preferred Family	Klutzy kid wearing glasses as well as being the only child of his family.
Message	I can become anything you want!
Further Notes	A soul-type mascot that can enter and manipulate inanimate objects as well as certain living creatures.

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MAYBE I'M WORKING TOO HARD.
BOY AM I TIRED.
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YOU'RE A GOOD MASCOT, AREN'T YA?
CLEANING, HUH? THAT'S A GOOD DEED, BEFITTING OF AN ALLY OF JUSTICE.
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YOU'RE PRETTY WELL KNOWN AROUND HERE.
YOU'RE NORAMIMI, RIGHT? I'VE HEARD OF YOU!
ARE YOU HERE FOR HELLO KIDS?
BECAUSE IF YOU ARE, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP YOU SINCE I WORK HERE.
REALLY? ME? AN ALLY OF JUSTICE?

WHA!? REALLY!?
YUP, I AM.
MM. HMM
M-MIGHT YOU BE LOOKING FOR A MASCOT BY ANY CHANCE. .?
JEEZ, YOU'RE MAKING A MASCOT BLUSH...
SHE LEFT EARLY THIS MORNING WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING, BUT I ASSUMED SHE'D BE BACK BY DINNER.
NO, IT'S NOTHING TO REALLY PANIC ABOUT OR ANYTHING.
I WAS JUST A LITTLE SURPRISED BECAUSE SHE'S NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE.
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR LOST MASCOT, WOULDN'T IT BETTER TO GET SOME MORE PEOPLE TO HELP OUT?
YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY WITH JUST ME?
SO UMM, FUUKO ...
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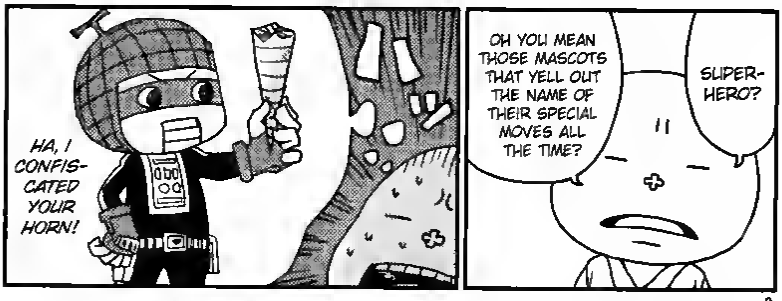
MY SECRET, THAT IS.
SAFE?
IT SHOULD BE SAFE ..
AND IF IT'S YOU I'M ASKING FOR HELP FROM,

The Last Mascot Hero



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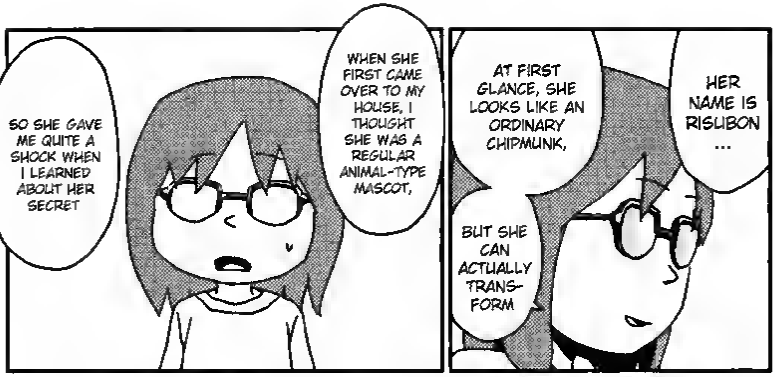
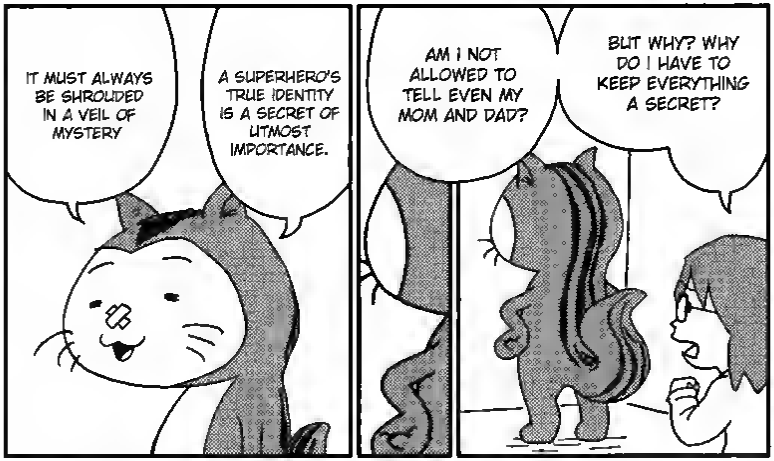
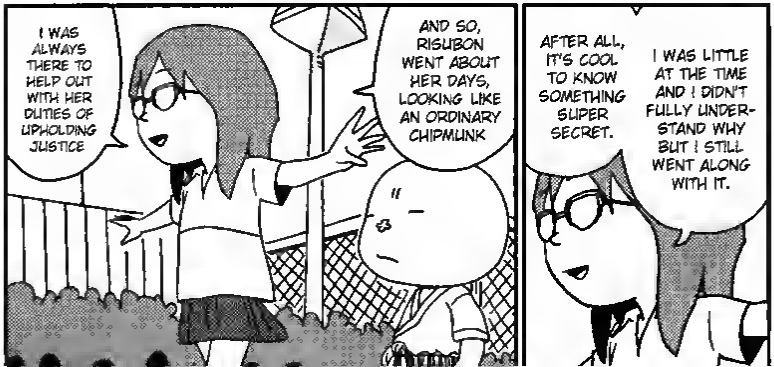
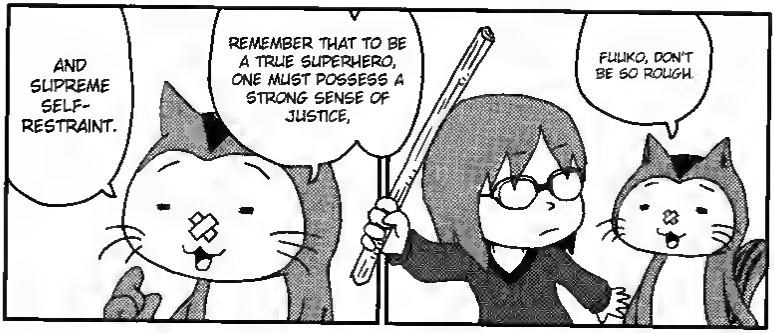
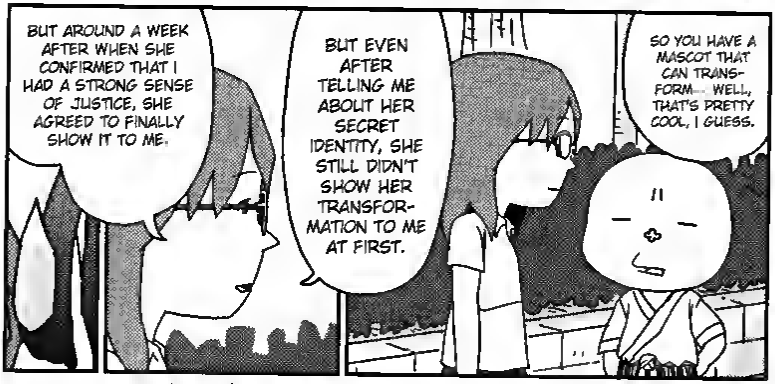
TO BE HONEST, I WAS PRETTY DUMBFOUNDED MYSELF WHEN I FIRST LEARNED SHE WAS A SUPERHERO...
WELL MY MASCOT ISN'T VIOLENT NOR SAVAGE
I HATE SAVAGE MASCOTS LIKE THAT!
UGH!


HER NAME IS RISUBON ...
AT FIRST GLANCE, SHE LOOKS LIKE AN ORDINARY CHIPMUNK,
BUT SHE CAN ACTUALLY TRANS-FORM
WHEN SHE FIRST CAME OVER TO MY HOUSE, I THOUGHT SHE WAS A REGULAR ANIMAL-TYPE MASCOT,
SO SHE GAVE ME QUITE A SHOCK WHEN I LEARNED ABOUT HER SECRET

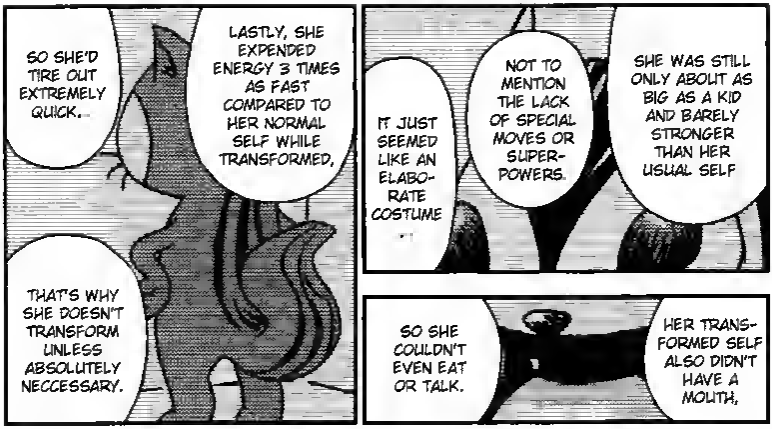

BUT WHY? WHY DO I HAVE TO KEEP EVERYTHING A SECRET?
AM I NOT ALLOWED TO TELL EVEN MY MOM AND DAD?
A SUPERHERO'S TRUE IDENTITY IS A SECRET OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE.
IT MUST ALWAYS BE SHROUDED IN A VEIL OF MYSTERY

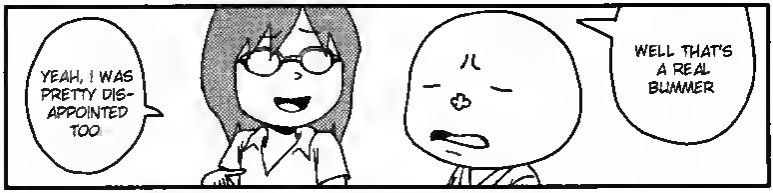

I WAS LITTLE AT THE TIME AND I DIDN'T FULLY UNDER-STAND WHY BUT I STILL WENT ALONG WITH IT.
AFTER ALL, IT'S COOL TO KNOW SOMETHING SUPER SECRET.
AND SO, RISUBON WENT ABOUT HER DAYS, LOOKING LIKE AN ORDINARY CHIPMUNK
I WAS ALWAYS THERE TO HELP OUT WITH HER DUTIES OF UPHOLDING JUSTICE


AND SUPREME SELF-RESTRAINT.
REMEMBER THAT TO BE A TRUE SUPERHERO, ONE MUST POSSESS A STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE,
FUUKO, DON'T BE SO ROUGH.

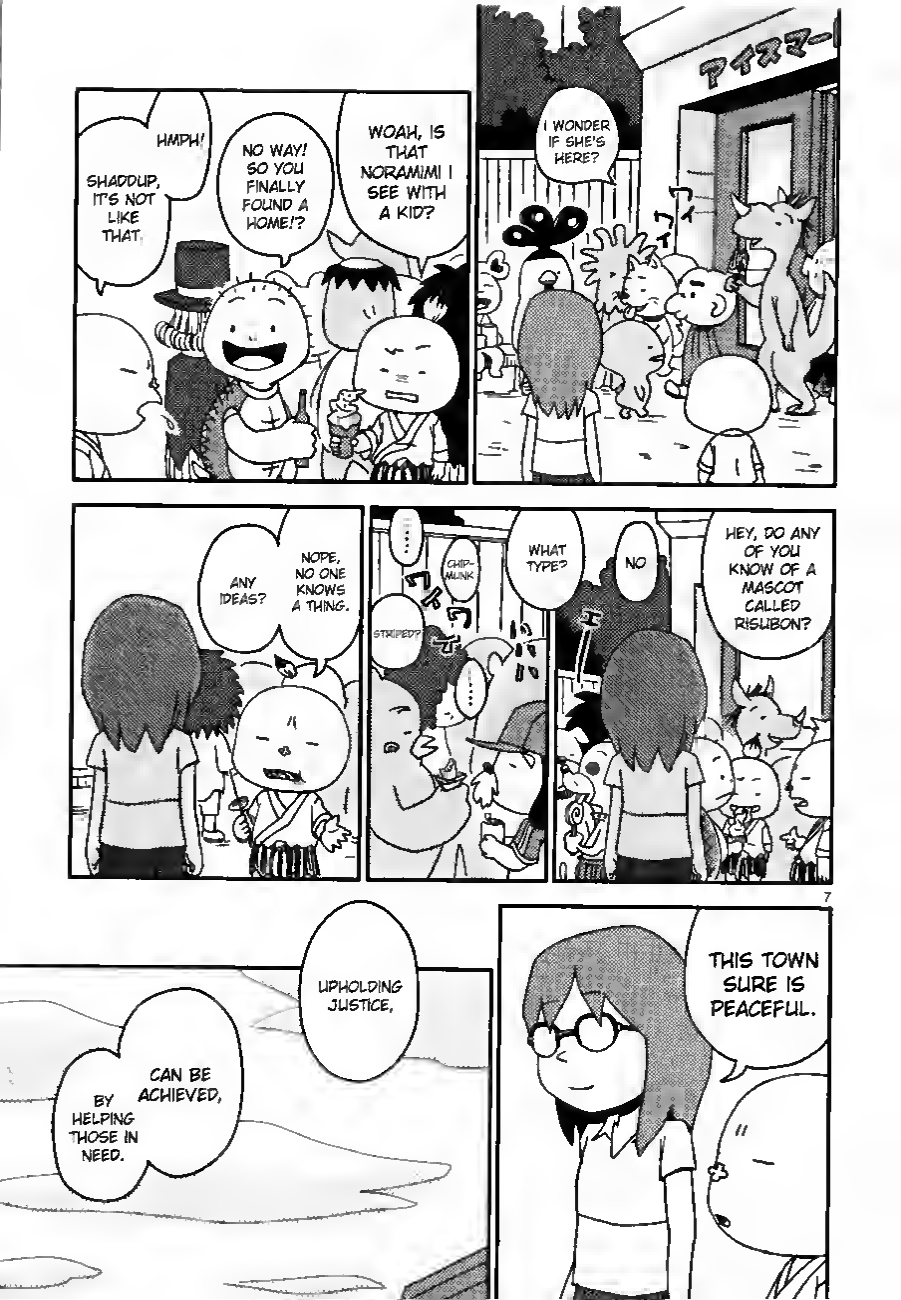

BUT AROUND A WEEK AFTER WHEN SHE CONFIRMED THAT I HAD A STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE, SHE AGREED TO FINALLY SHOW IT TO ME.
BUT EVEN AFTER TELLING ME ABOUT HER SECRET IDENTITY, SHE STILL DIDN'T SHOW HER TRANSFORMATION TO ME AT FIRST.
SO YOU HAVE A MASCOT THAT CAN TRANSFORM— WELL, THAT'S PRETTY COOL, I GUESS.

I WAS MORE SURPRISED AT THE MUNDANENESS OF IT ALL.
BUT TO BE HONEST,


SO SHE'D TIRE OUT EXTREMELY QUICK...
LASTLY, SHE EXPENDED ENERGY 3 TIMES AS FAST COMPARED TO HER NORMAL SELF WHILE TRANSFORMED,
THAT'S WHY SHE DOESN'T TRANSFORM UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECCESSARY.
IT JUST SEEMED LIKE AN ELABO-RATE COSTUME
NOT TO MENTION THE LACK OF SPECIAL MOVES OR SUPER-POWERS.
SHE WAS STILL ONLY ABOUT AS BIG AS A KID AND BARELY STRONGER THAN HER USUAL SELF
SO SHE COULDN'T EVEN EAT OR TALK.
HER TRANS-FORMED SELF ALSO DIDN'T HAVE A MOUTH,


YEAH, I WAS PRETTY DIS-APPOINTED TOO
WELL THAT'S A REAL BUMMER

I THINK SHE WAS INVES-TIGATING SOME SORT OF CASE...
BUT I SAW HER WORKING ON SOMETHING IN SECRET THE PAST COUPLE DAYS...
NO, SHE DIDN'T, WHICH IS WHY IT'S SO ODD.
SHE SOUNDS LIKE A REAL GOODY TWO-SHOE THAT WOULDN'T JUST LEAVE WITHOUT A REASON
BUT GOING BACK TO THE ORIGINAL TOPIC, WHY'D SHE DISAPPEAR ALL OF A SUDDEN?
DIDN'T SHE AT LEAST LEAVE A NOTE?
I WONDER IF MAYBE I WAS BOTH-ERING HER WORK?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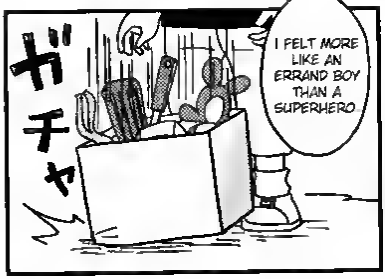
I WONDER IF SHE'S HERE?
WOAH, IS THAT NORAMIMI I SEE WITH A KID?
NO WAY! SO YOU FINALLY FOUND A HOME!?
HMPH!
SHADDUP, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
HEY, DO ANY OF YOU KNOW OF A MASCOT CALLED RISUBON?
NO
WHAT TYPE?
CHIPMUNK
STRIPED?
NOPE, NO ONE KNOWS A THING.
ANY IDEAS?
THIS TOWN SURE IS PEACEFUL.
UPHOLDING JUSTICE,
CAN BE ACHIEVED,
BY HELPING THOSE IN NEED.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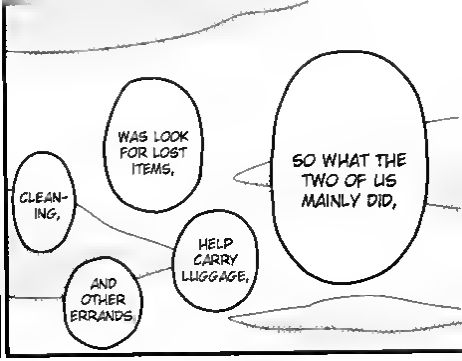
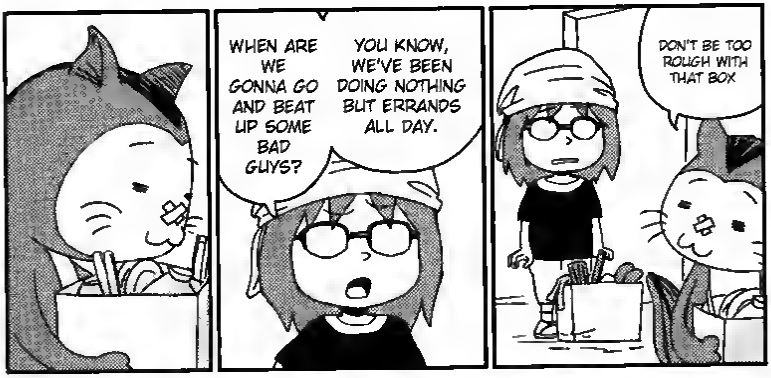
I FELT MORE LIKE AN ERRAND BOY THAN A SUPERHERO


SO WHAT THE TWO OF US MAINLY DID,
WAS LOOK FOR LOST ITEMS,
CLEAN-ING,
HELP CARRY LUGGAGE,
AND OTHER ERRANDS


WHEN ARE WE GONNA GO AND BEAT UP SOME BAD GUYS?
YOU KNOW, WE'VE BEEN DOING NOTHING BUT ERRANDS ALL DAY.
DON'T BE TOO ROUGH WITH THAT BOX

I HAVEN'T EVEN HEARD OF BAD RUMOURS.
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THERE'RE JUST NO VILLAINS RIGHT NOW.
FUUKO, THAT TIME WILL COME WHEN THERE ARE BAD PEOPLE.

OK...
NOW LET'S GET BACK TO HELPING MR YAMAMOTO WITH HIS CLEANING IN ORDER TO UPHOLD OUR DUTY AS SUPERHEROES.
IT'S BECAUSE THIS IS A PEACEFUL TOWN.
NO..
FUUKO, HAVE YOU HEARD OF ANYTHING?

STRANGELY ENOUGH...
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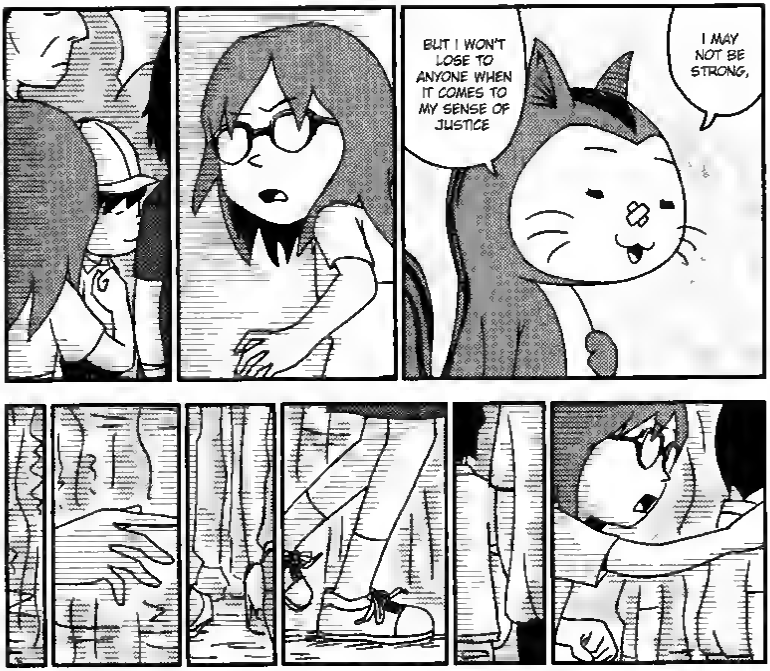
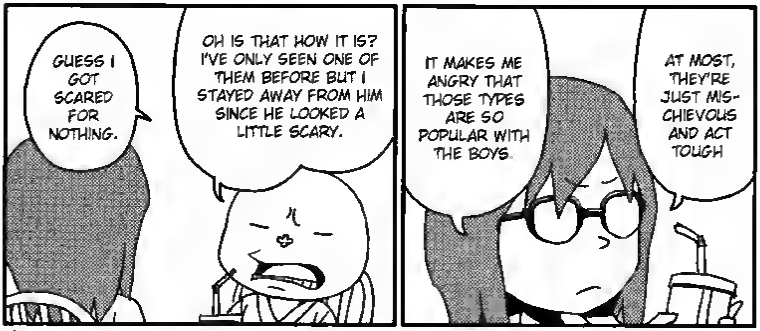
AS TIME WENT ON,
I CAME TO GRUMBLE LESS AND LESS ABOUT THE WORK.
IT'S TRUE THAT IT WAS STILL KIND OF A HASSLE AND RATHER ANNOYING AT TIMES,
BUT DESPITE ALL THAT, RISUBON NEVER EVER GAVE UP..
HEY WAIT UP!
BECAUSE A GOOD DEED WAS A GOOD DEED, NO MATTER HOW UNGLAMOROUS IT MAY BE...
EVEN WITHOUT SUPER-STRENGTH OR SUPER-POWERS,
THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF GOOD ONE CAN ACCOMPLISH AS LONG AS ONE'S SENSE OF JUSTICE IS STRONG!


I MAY NOT BE STRONG,
BUT I WON'T LOSE TO ANYONE WHEN IT COMES TO MY SENSE OF JUSTICE

I WONDER IF MY OWN SENSE OF JUSTICE,
GOT ANY STRONGER TOO EVER SINCE I STARTED LIVING WITH RISUBON ...?
OH, THERE YOU ARE!

WHY THERE AREN'T ANY REALLY POWERFUL MASCOTS.
YOU KNOW, I OFTEN FIND MYSELF WONDERING THESE DAYS,
BUT NONE OF THEM HAVE ANY REAL POWER OR INFLUENCE IN THIS WORLD...
I MEAN, THERE ARE PLENTY OF MASCOTS WITH SPECIAL ABILITIES,
I GET THE SENSE THAT THE GOD OF MASCOTS DIDN'T QUITE THINK THINGS THROUGH.
YET THEY'RE ALL SO POWERLESS TO WORK FOR THE GOOD OF THE WORLD ON A GRANDER SCALE..
THEY HAVE SUCH A STRONG DESIRE TO UPHOLD JUSTICE,
BUT THEN WHAT HAPPEN ABOUT SUPERHERO-TYPE MASCOTS?
I GUESS IF THAT'S JUST HOW NATURE INTENDED, THEN I'D UNDER-STAND...
HMM... YEAH YOU'RE RIGHT.
11
ENEMY MASCOTS?
TRUE IF THERE WERE STRONGER MASCOTS, THEN THEY COULD BEAT UP STRONGER ENEMY MASCOTS

...OH THAT'S RIGHT.
THERE ARE SCOUNDREL-TYPE MASCOTS
BUT YOU CAN'T REALLY CONSIDER THOSE MASCOTS AS ENEMIES.
I MEAN, THEY MAY LOOK A LITTLE CREEPY BUT IN THE END, THEY'RE STILL MASCOTS INCAPABLE OF DOING ANY REAL HARM...


AT MOST, THEY'RE JUST MISCHIEVOUS AND ACT TOUGH
IT MAKES ME ANGRY THAT THOSE TYPES ARE SO POPULAR WITH THE BOYS.
OH IS THAT HOW IT IS? I'VE ONLY SEEN ONE OF THEM BEFORE BUT I STAYED AWAY FROM HIM SINCE HE LOOKED A LITTLE SCARY.
GUESS I GOT SCARED FOR NOTHING.

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YEAH, THERE AREN'T TOO MANY OF THEM. I GET THE FEELING THAT SUPERHERO-TYPES ARE MUCH MORE COMMON.
BUT IF I RECALL,
I THINK THERE WAS DEFINITELY AT LEAST ONE IN THIS TOW...

I FINALLY A FOUND A BAD GUY!
FUUKO!
NOZOMI! NO!!!
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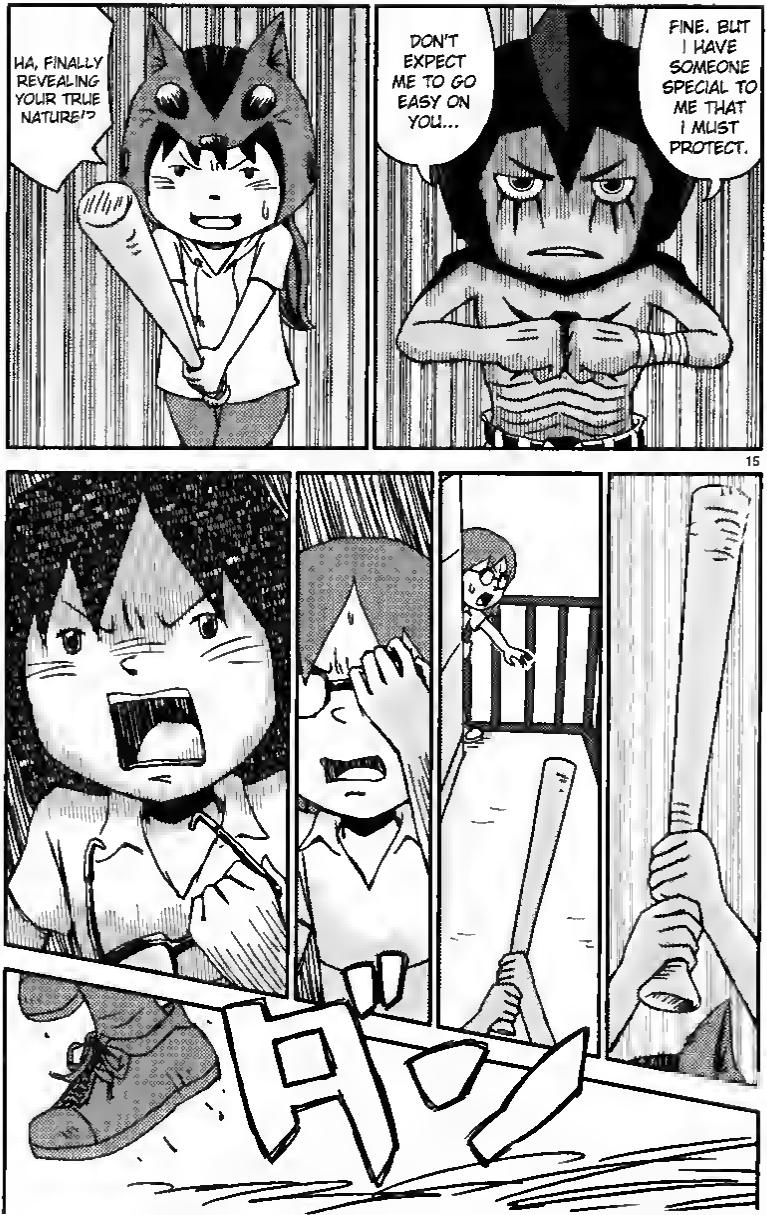
I'LL DEFEAT HIM!
WHA...? BUT SHE'S HUMAN GIRL...?
NO, NOZOMI! I TOLD YOU BEFORE! HE'S NOT A BAD GUY!
HE'S NOT A BAD VILLAIN!
WAIT!
JUST WHAT DID I DO?
SILENCE! PREPARE YOURSELF! YOU...
EVIL-DOER!


HA, FINALLY REVEALING YOUR TRUE NATURE!?
DON'T EXPECT ME TO GO EASY ON YOU...
FINE. BUT I HAVE SOMEONE SPECIAL TO ME THAT I MUST PROTECT.
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A SUPERHERO'S TRUE IDENTITY IS A SECRET OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE.
IT MUST ALWAYS BE SHROUDED IN A VEIL OF MYSTERY.
IT MUST ALWAYS BE SHROUDED IN A VEIL OF MYSTERY.
NO NEED TO GET ROUGH.
FUUKO
DON'T BE TOO ROUGH WITH THAT BOX.
DON'T BE TOO ROUGH WITH THAT BOX
YOU KNOW, WE'VE BEEN DOING NOTHING BUT ERRANDS ALL DAY
WHEN ARE WE GONNA GO AND BEAT UP SOME BAD GUYS?
REMEMBER THAT TO BE A TRUE SUPERHERO ONE MUST POSSESS A STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE,
AND SUPREME SELF-RESTRAINT.
REMEMBER THAT TO BE A TRUE SUPER-HERO ONE MUST POSSESS A STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE

NO
FUUKO, HAVE YOU HEARD OF ANYTHING?
NO...
NOZOMI, HAVE YOU HEARD OF ANYTHING?

AM I NOT ALLOWED TO TELL EVEN MY MOM AND DAD?
BUT WHY? WHY DO I HAVE TO KEEP EVERYTHING A SECRET?
BUT WHY? WHY DO I HAVE TO KEEP EVERYTHING A SECRET?

I MAY NOT BE STRONG,
BUT I WON'T LOSE TO ANYONE WHEN IT COMES TO MY SENSE OF JUSTICE.
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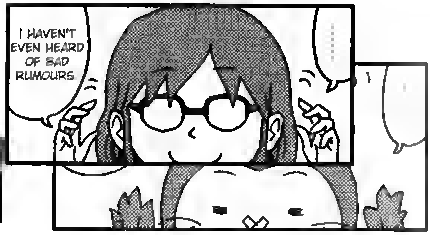
I HAVEN'T EVEN HEARD OF BAD RUMOURS.

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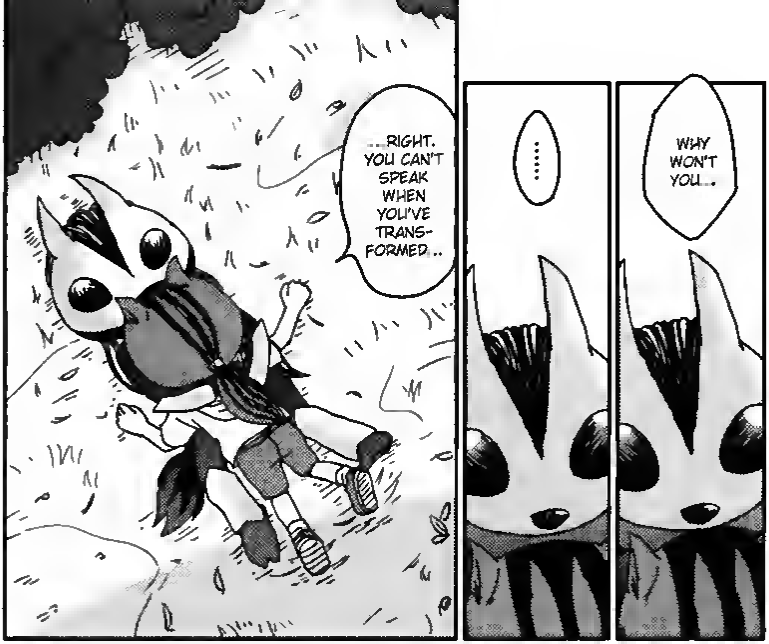
WE'RE SUPERHEROS! NOT LITTLE ERRAND BOYS!
LET GO OF ME!
I HAVE TO FIGHT HIM!
SO HURRY UP!
IT'S BECAUSE YOU REFUSED TO TEACH ME ANYTHING THAT I WENT OUT AND FOUND THE BAD GUY ALL BY MYSELF!
DON'T GET IN MY WAY, FUUKO!

I'M TRYING TO PROTECT PEACE AND UPHOLD JUSTICE THE BEST I CAN!
SAY SOMETHING, FUUKO!


...RIGHT. YOU CAN'T SPEAK WHEN YOU'VE TRANS-FORMED...
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WHY WON'T YOU...

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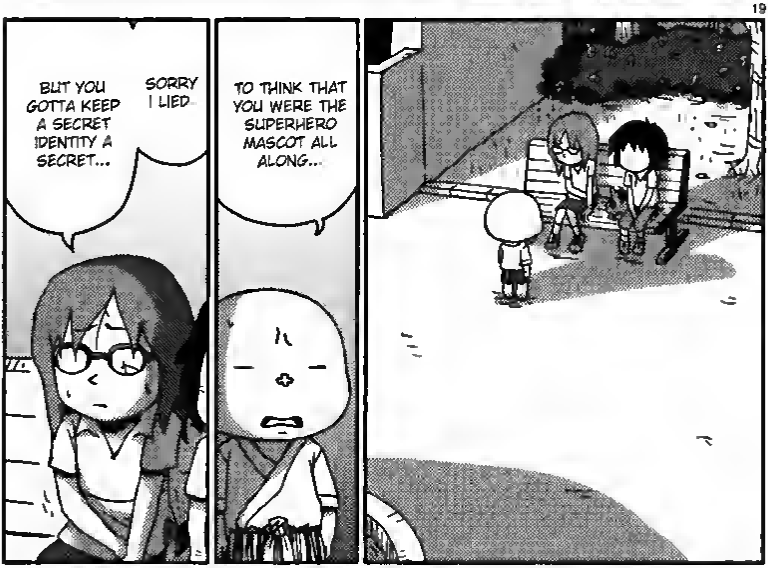
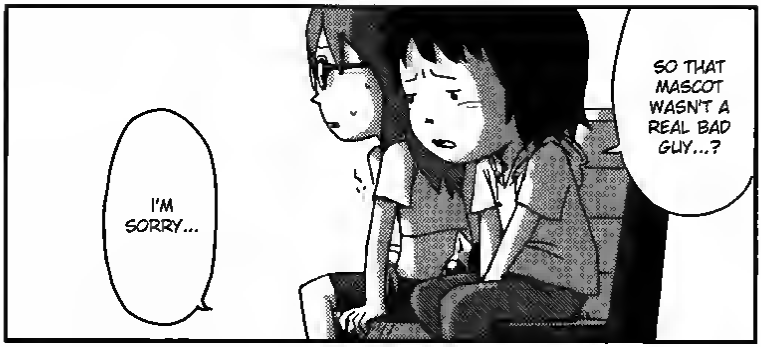
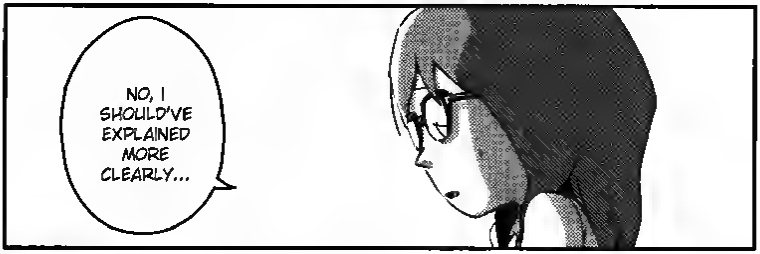

BUT YOU GOTTA KEEP A SECRET IDENTITY A SECRET...
SORRY I LIED
TO THINK THAT YOU WERE THE SUPERHERO MASCOT ALL ALONG...


SO THAT MASCOT WASN'T A REAL BAD GUY...?
I'M SORRY...


NO, I SHOULD'VE EXPLAINED MORE CLEARLY...

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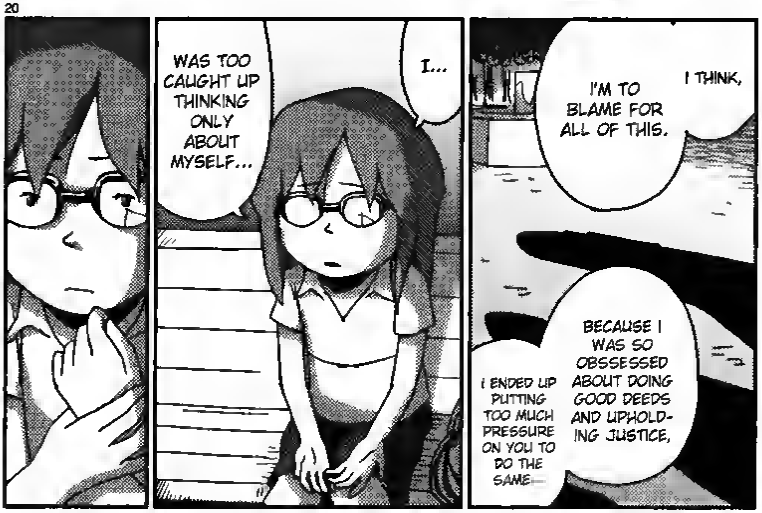
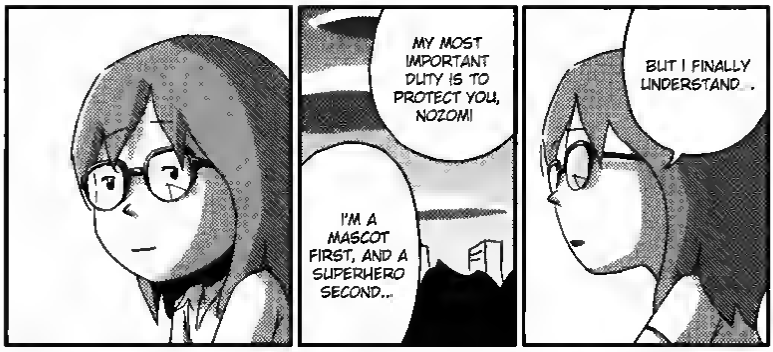
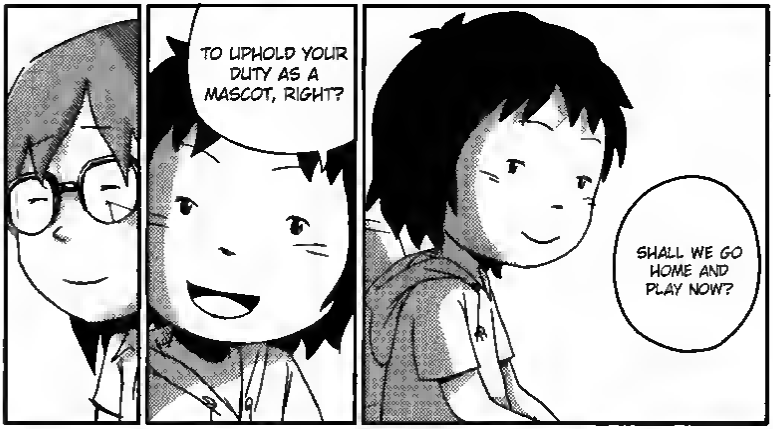
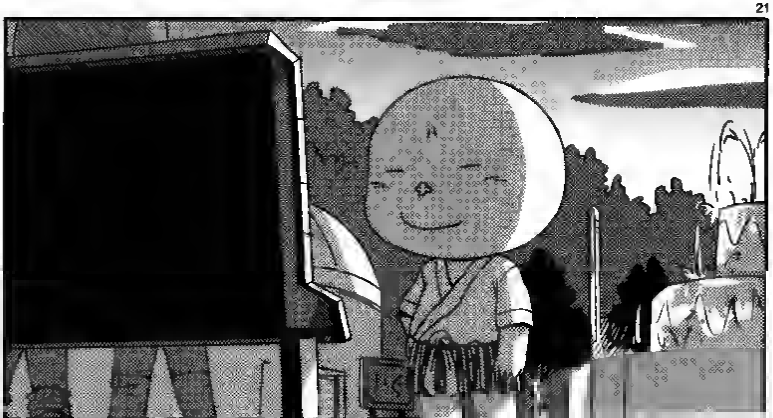
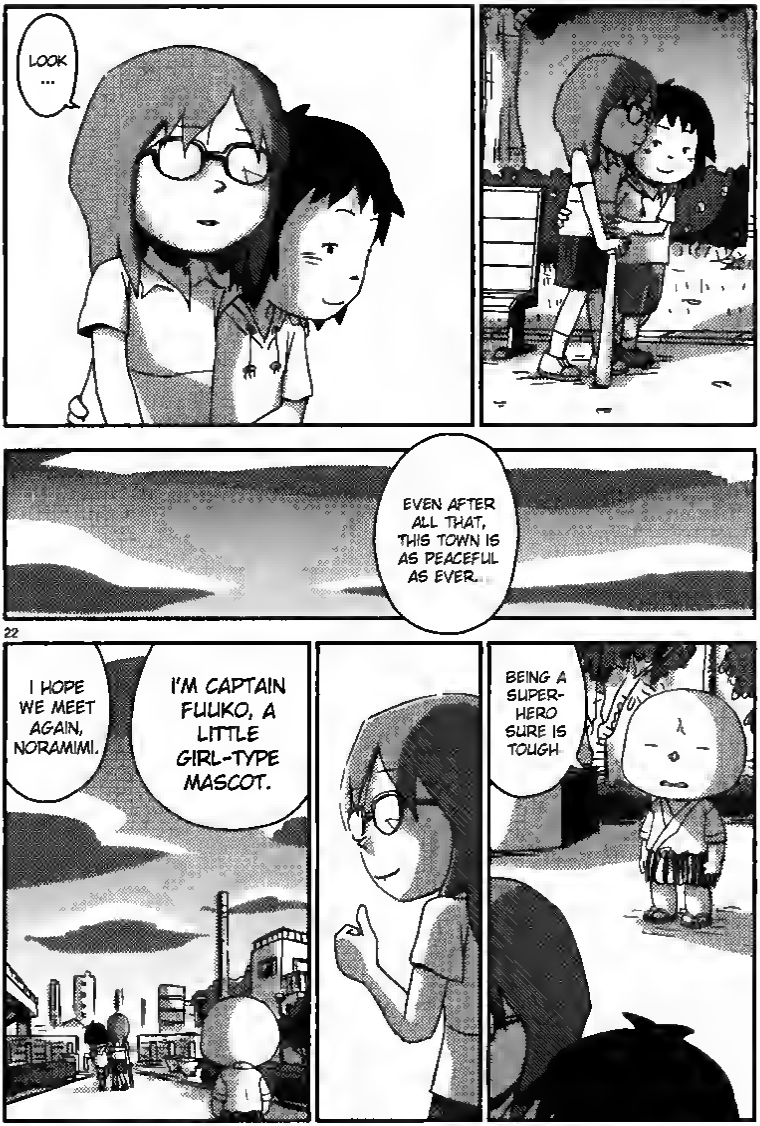

I THINK,
I'M TO BLAME FOR ALL OF THIS.
BECAUSE I WAS SO OBSSESSED ABOUT DOING GOOD DEEDS AND UPHOLDING JUSTICE,
I ENDED UP PUTTING TOO MUCH PRESSURE ON YOU TO DO THE SAME—
I...
WAS TOO CAUGHT UP THINKING ONLY ABOUT MYSELF...


I'M A MASCOT FIRST, AND A SUPERHERO SECOND...
MY MOST IMPORTANT DUTY IS TO PROTECT YOU, NOZOMI
BUT I FINALLY UNDERSTAND.


TO UPHOLD YOUR DUTY AS A MASCOT, RIGHT?
SHALL WE GO HOME AND PLAY NOW?




LOOK ...
EVEN AFTER ALL THAT, THIS TOWN IS AS PEACEFUL AS EVER.
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I HOPE WE MEET AGAIN, NORAMIMI.
I'M CAPTAIN FUUKO, A LITTLE GIRL-TYPE MASCOT.
BEING A SUPER-HERO SURE IS TOUGH

Mascot Profile

ID No.	00191225
Mascot Type	Human (Little Girl)
Name	Nanaoka Fuuko

No. Families Serviced	9
Special Skills	Knitting, reading, kendo.
Favourite Food	Okonomiyaki.
Motto	Patience is a virtue.
Preferred Family	A girl with a strong sense of justice. Do not mind if she has brothers.
Message	I may look human but I'm still a mascot. Nice to meet you.
Further Notes	Indistinguishable from a real human girl.

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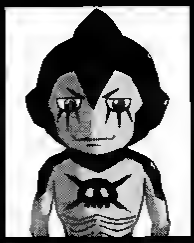
Mascot Profile

ID No.	00020896
Mascot Type	Scoundrel
Name	The Shadow Demon Dorogimosu



No. Families Serviced	4?
Special Skills	Meditating, becoming one with the darkness.
Favourite Food	Raw meat.
Motto	The future is ever shrouded in darkness, impossible to predict.
Preferred Family	A boy who wishes to live on the dangerous side of life.
Message	I am not easily tamed. I shall await those daring few with real guts!
Further Notes	Though labelled as a scoundrel-type, he is not dangerous in any way nor will he cause any real harm.

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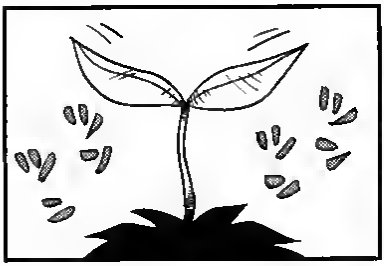
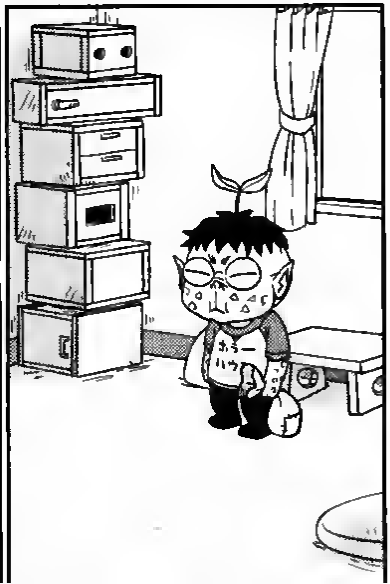
Goodbye, Dottari





DOTTARI'S HEART WON'T STOP RACING...
BUT JUST WHAT!? WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO DOTTARI?
BUT DOTTARI HAS FELT THAT SOMETHING BAD'S GOING TO HAPPEN LATELY...
HARD TO SAY WHAT THE SIGN EXACTLY MEANS...
GOT IT. THIS MUST BE A SIGN OF SOME SORT...
YOU ALWAYS POP IN AND OUT, I'M NEVER SURE WHEN YOU'RE ACTUALLY HOME.
OH GOOD, YOU'RE BACK.
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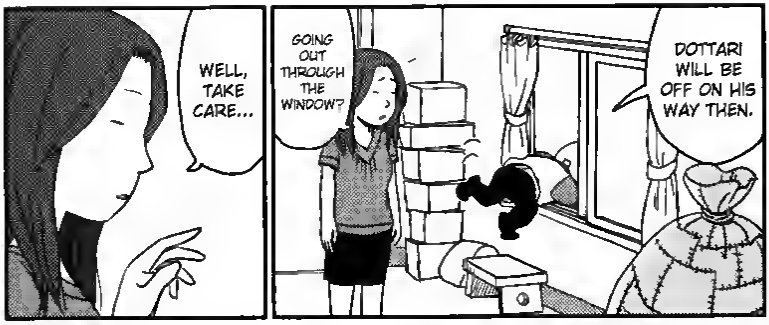
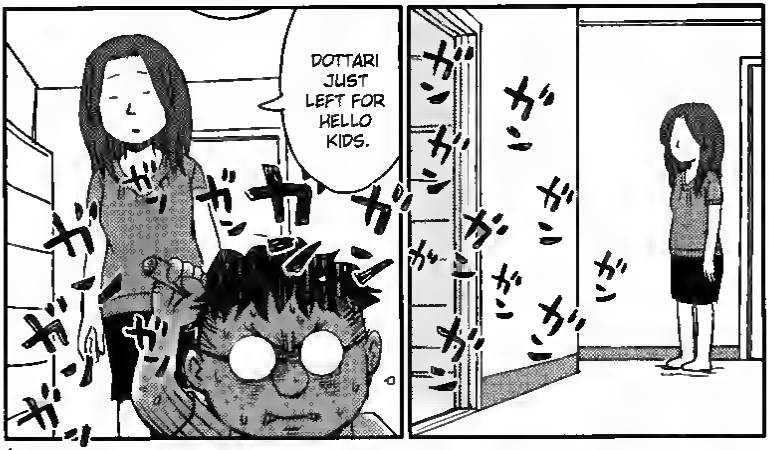
ROGER.
HELLO KIDS...
YOU KNOW HELLO KIDS, RIGHT?
I NEED YOU TO GO THERE.
I NEED YOU TO DO AN ERRAND FOR ME.


WELL, TAKE CARE...
GOING OUT THROUGH THE WINDOW?
DOTTARI WILL BE OFF ON HIS WAY THEN.


DOTTARI JUST LEFT FOR HELLO KIDS.
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NO!
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DO YOU WANT MOMMY TO TALK TO DOTTARI FOR Y...
IT'S NOT HEALTHY TO PENT UP SO MUCH STRESS.
...TAIZOU, DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE BEING A LITTLE TOO SULLEN?
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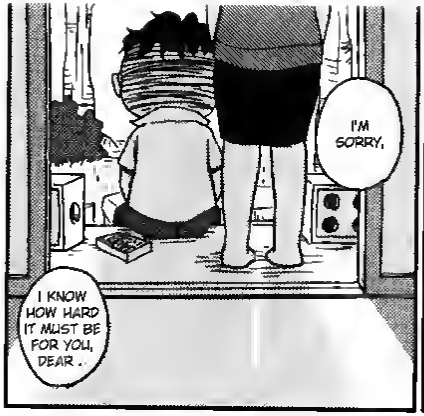
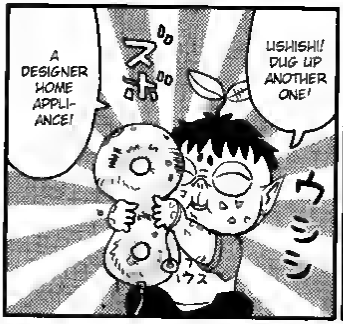

I'M SORRY.
I KNOW HOW HARD IT MUST BE FOR YOU, DEAR.

I'LL DO IT


A DESIGNER HOME APPLI-ANCE!
USHISHI! DUG UP ANOTHER ONE!

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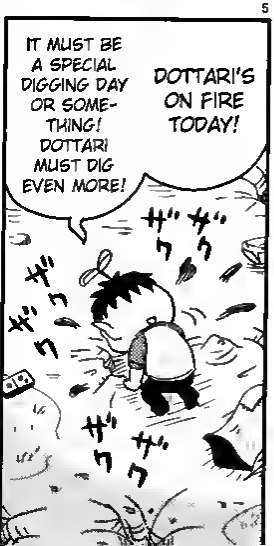
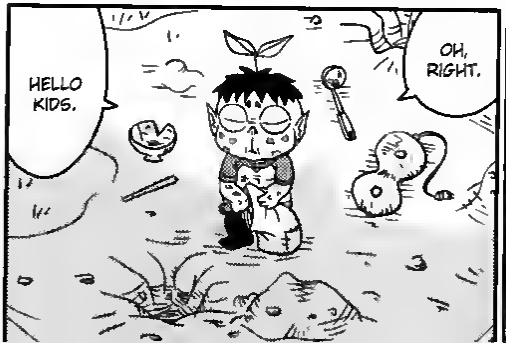
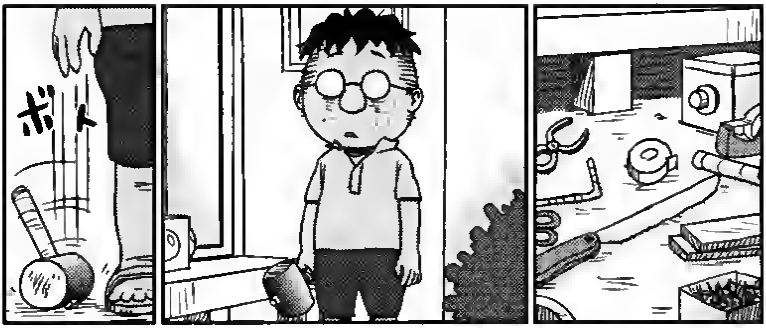

IT MUST BE A SPECIAL DIGGING DAY OR SOME-THING! DOTTARI MUST DIG EVEN MORE!
DOTTARI'S ON FIRE TODAY!


HELLO KIDS.
OH, RIGHT.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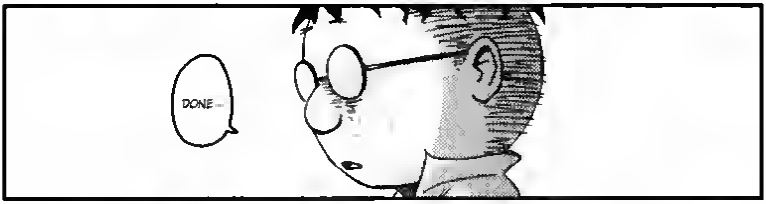
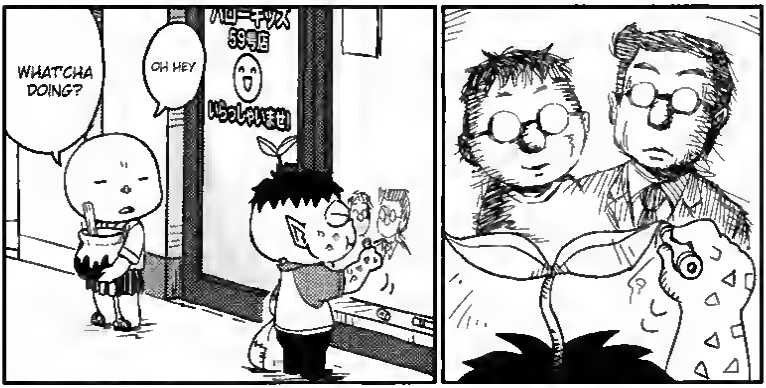

DONE...


WHAT'CHA DOING?
OH HEY
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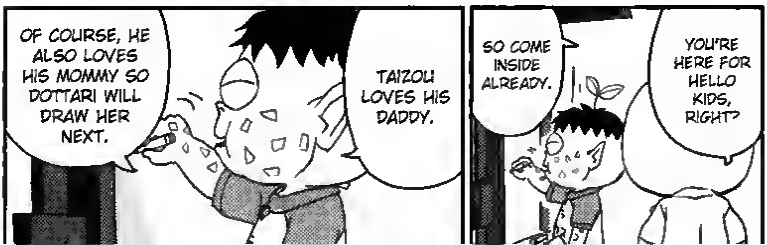
いらっしゃいませ!


OF COURSE, HE ALSO LOVES HIS MOMMY SO DOTTARI WILL DRAW HER NEXT.
TAIZOU LOVES HIS DADDY.
SO COME INSIDE ALREADY.
YOU'RE HERE FOR HELLO KIDS, RIGHT?

MY LEAF WON'T STOP TWITCHING.
SOMETHING'S VERY STRANGE THESE DAYS.
DOTTARI CAN'T STOP FEELING UNEASY.
TO THINK THAT THE TIME WOULD FINALLY COME FOR YOU TOO
.....
THIS MAY BE SUDDEN BUT, WOULD YOU MIND HEARING DOTTARI OUT?
LITTLE BOY PRIEST,
BUT JUST WHAT IT MAY BE, DOTTARI DOESN'T KNOW...
DOTTARI THINKS THAT SOMETHING IRREVERSIBLE MIGHT HAPPEN...
AND THERE SEEMS TO BE AN AWKWARD ATMOSPHERE HANGING AT HOME...
REALLY!?
HERE .. YOU CAN HAVE AS MUCH SYRUP AS YOU WANT..
DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW ANYTHING!?
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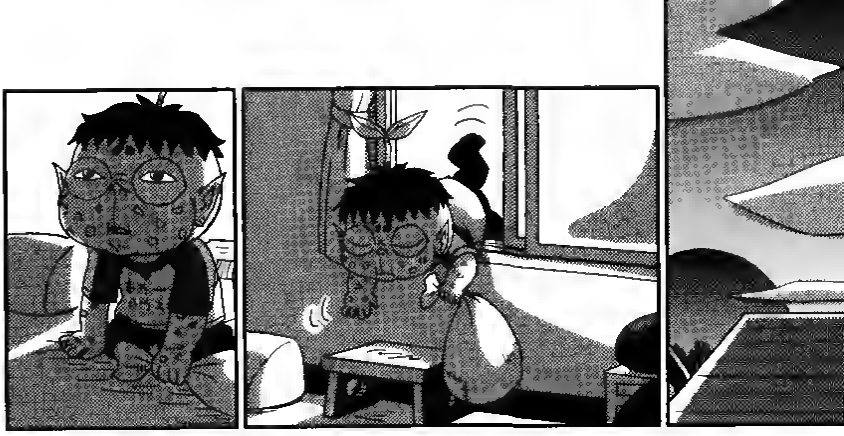
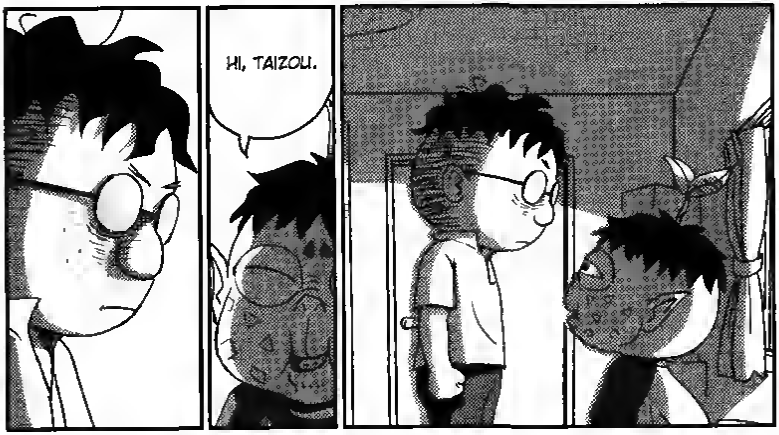
YOU KNOW THERE'S NOTHING I OR ANYONE CAN DO..
I'M SORRY ...
BUT DON'T BE LIKE THAT..




HI, TAIZOU.

WE ALREADY HAD A FAREWELL PARTY LAST WEEK!
W-WHY'RE YOU STILL HERE!?
DOTTARI ...
YOU'RE JUST HERE TO EAT MORE CURRY, AREN'T YOU!?

WE HAVE TO SAY GOODBYE!
I'M IN MIDDLE SCHOOL NOW!
DOTTARI VAGUELY RECALLS A GRAND CURRY PARTY BUT...
FAREWELL PARTY...?
THIS IS THE FIRST DOTTARI S HEARD OF IT
GOODBYE
I DON'T LIKE IT EITHER...
DAMN IT...
YOU'RE A MASCOT! THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD NOT KNOW!
NO, YOU SHOULD KNOW BY NOW!
DOTTARI DOESN'T LIKE THAT.
WE CAN'T EAT CURRY TOGETHER ANYMORE ...?
DOTTARI

CAN'T SLEEP. DOTTARI IS TOO TROUBLED.
WHAT IS IT?
TAIZOU, ARE YOU STILL AWAKE?
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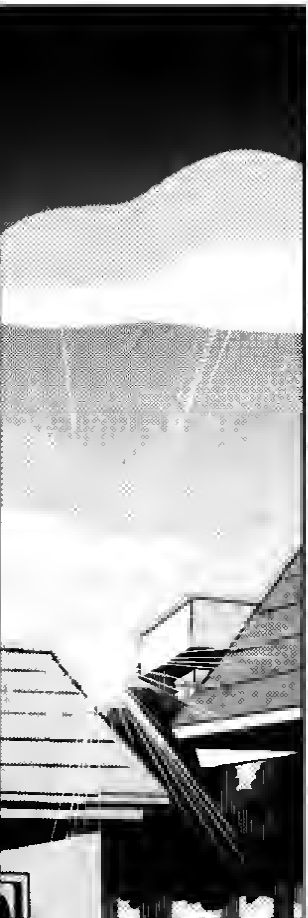
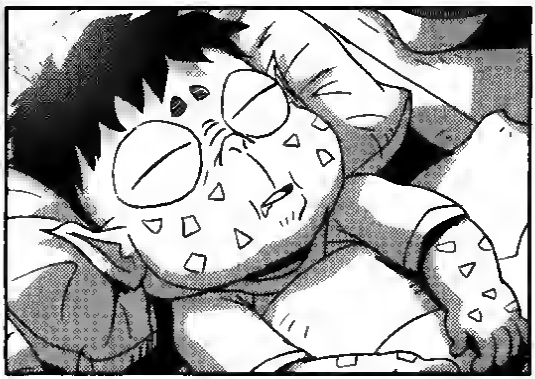
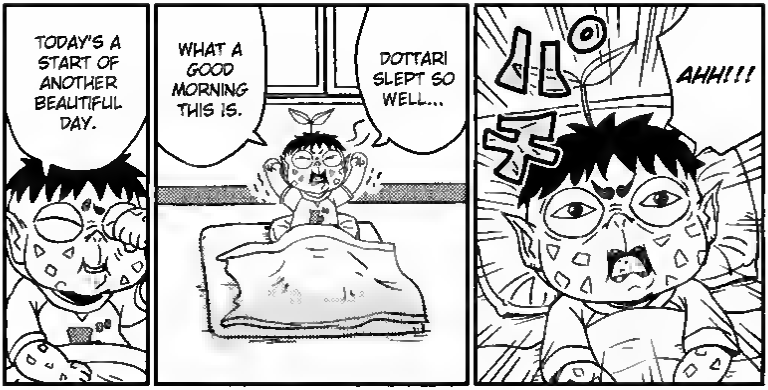
YOU WERE SO SCARED BACK WHEN YOU FIRST CAME TO LIVE WITH ME.
DO YOU REMEMBER?
YES, DOTTARI'S BEEN ABLE TO SLEEP VERY WELL THANKS TO TAIZOU
NOT TO MENTION I HAD TO LINE UP ALL THESE SHEEP DOLLS LIKE THIS TOO
YOU KNOW, EVER SINCE YOU CAME, I HAD TO SLEEP WITH THE LIGHTS LEFT ON FOR YOU.

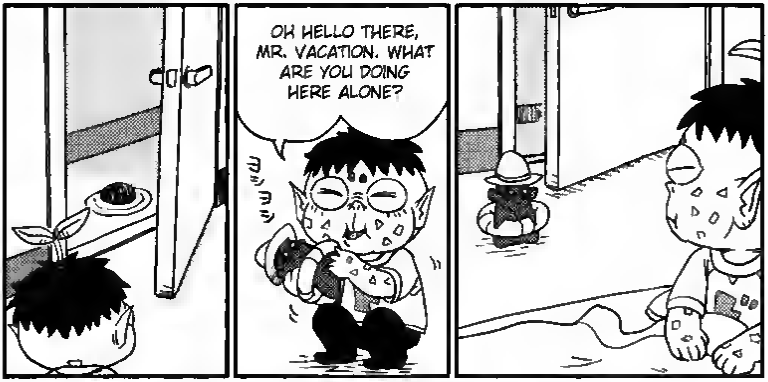
BACK THEN, WE WERE...

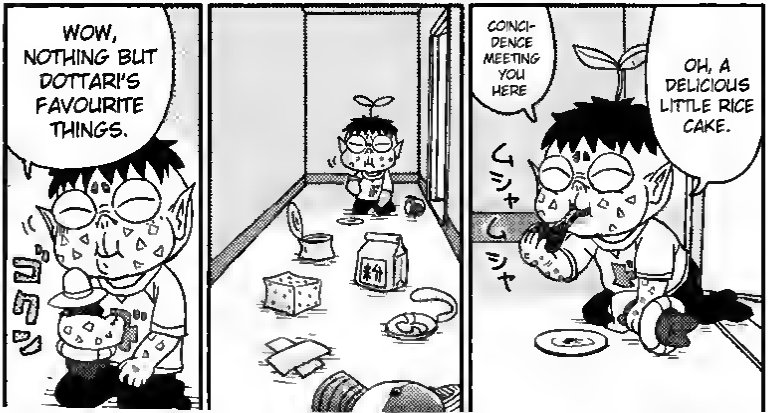


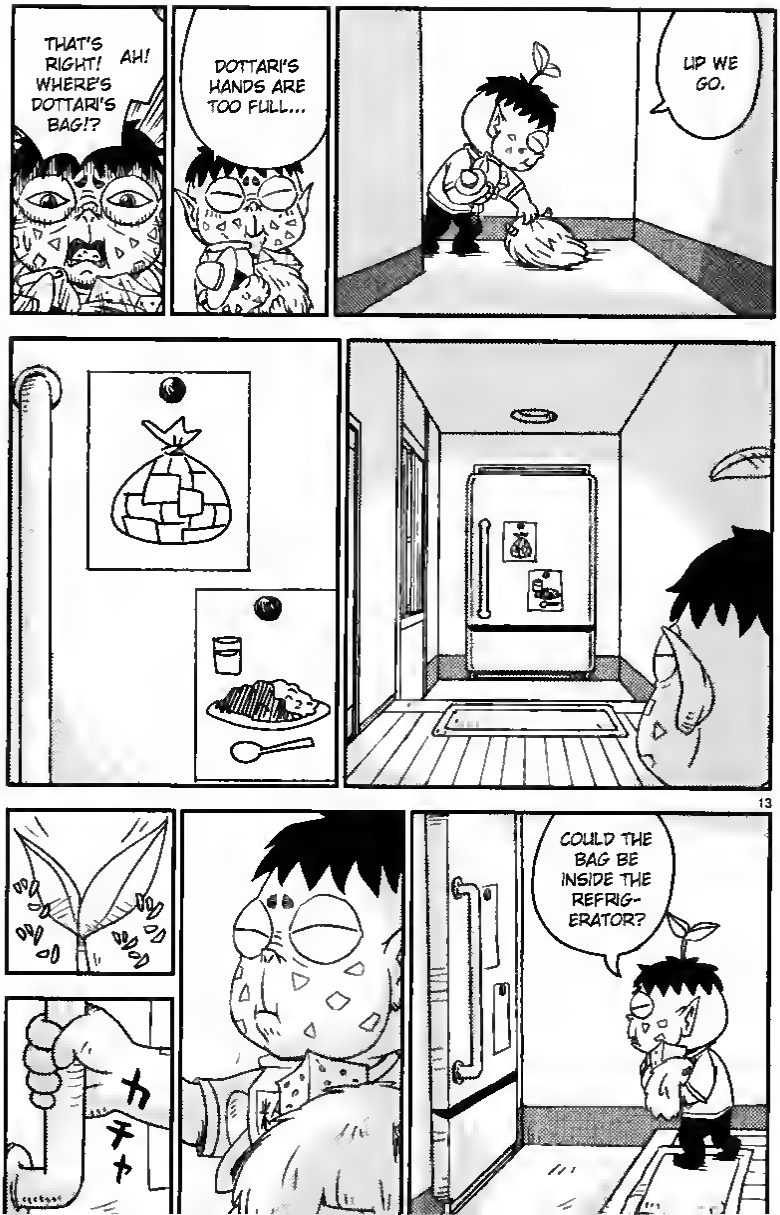


SLEEPING ALREADY, ARE YOU?


TODAY'S A START OF ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL DAY.
WHAT A GOOD MORNING THIS IS.
DOTTARI SLEPT SO WELL...
AHH!!!


OH HELLO THERE, MR. VACATION. WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ALONE?


WOW, NOTHING BUT DOTTARI'S FAVOURITE THINGS.
COINCI-DENCE MEETING YOU HERE
OH, A DELICIOUS LITTLE RICE CAKE.


THAT'S RIGHT! WHERE'S DOTTARI'S BAG!?
AH!
DOTTARI'S HANDS ARE TOO FULL...
UP WE GO.
COULD THE BAG BE INSIDE THE REFRIG-ERATOR?
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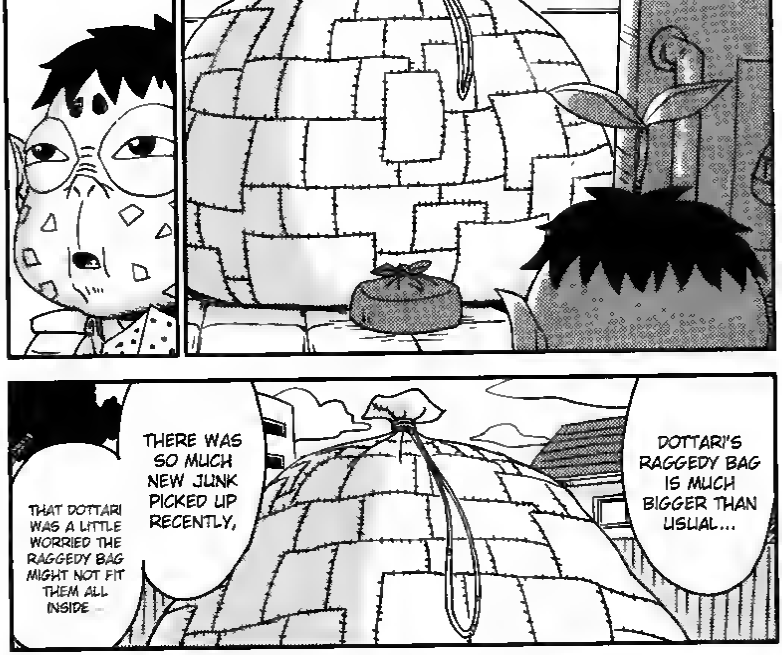
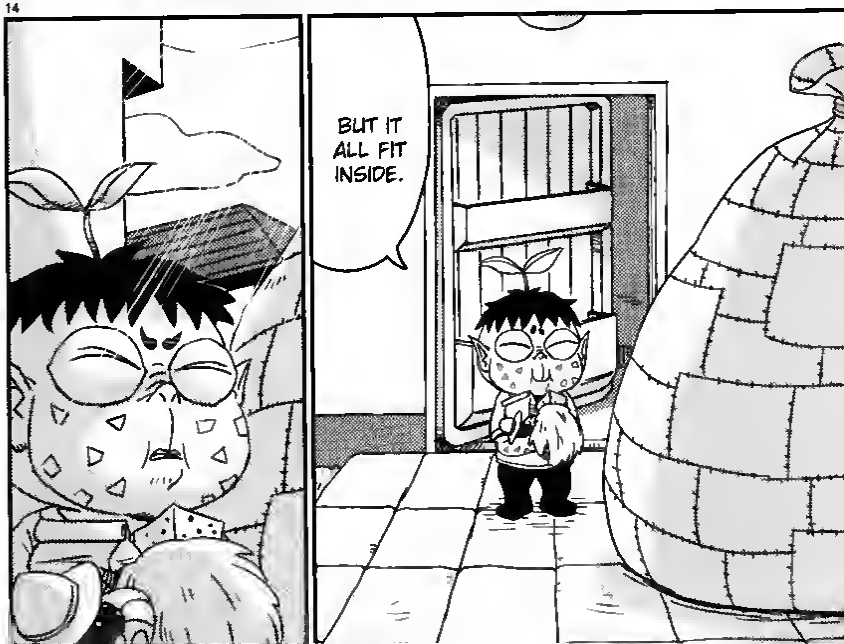

DOTTARI'S RAGGEDY BAG IS MUCH BIGGER THAN USUAL...
THERE WAS SO MUCH NEW JUNK PICKED UP RECENTLY,
THAT DOTTARI WAS A LITTLE WORRIED THE RAGGEDY BAG MIGHT NOT FIT THEM ALL INSIDE...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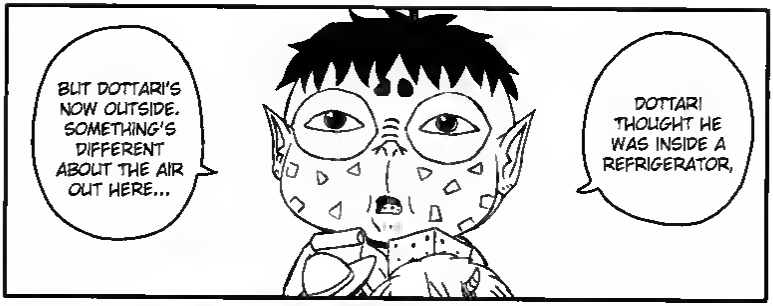
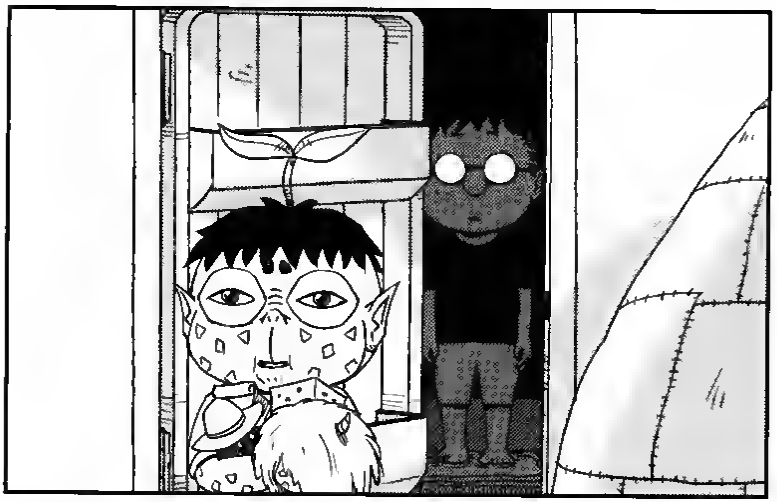
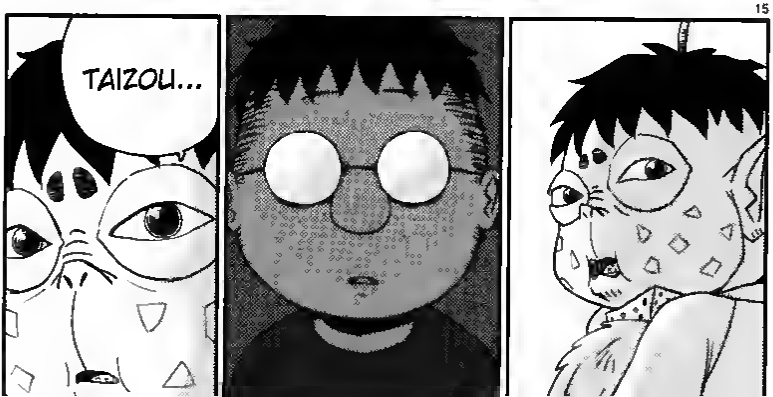

BUT DOTTARI'S NOW OUTSIDE. SOMETHING'S DIFFERENT ABOUT THE AIR OUT HERE...
DOTTARI THOUGHT HE WAS INSIDE A REFRIGERATOR,

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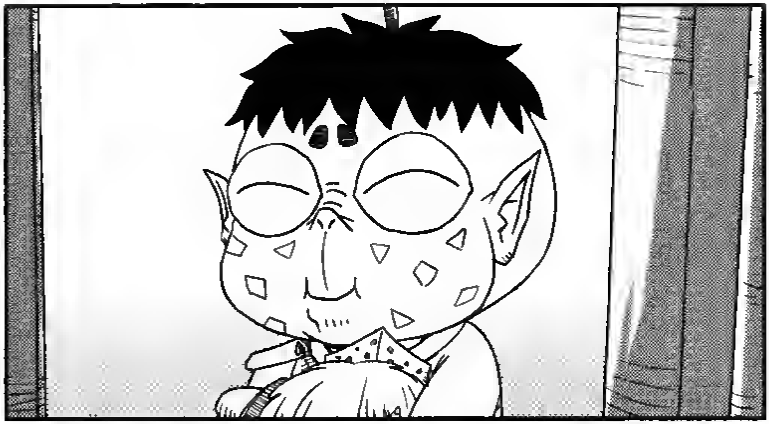

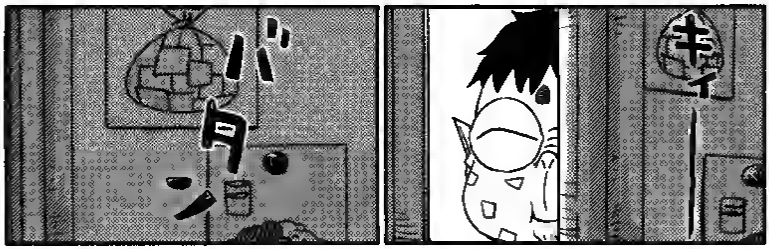
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YOU WON'T BE LOST, RIGHT!?
YOU KNOW WHERE TO GO RIGHT!?
DOTTARI

TAIZOU'S NOT THE MOST SOCIABLE KID,
SO DOTTARI'S A LITTLE WORRIED
DOTTARI WILL NEVER,
EVER FORGET TAIZOU.
GOODBYE, TAIZOU.
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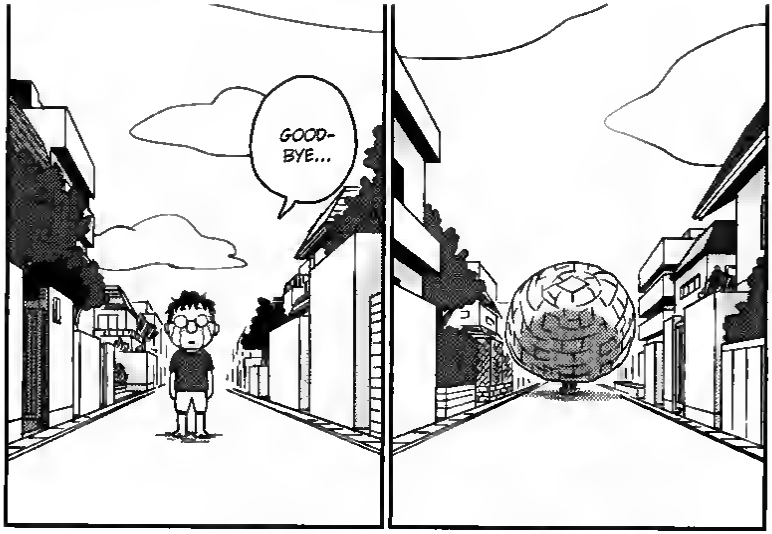
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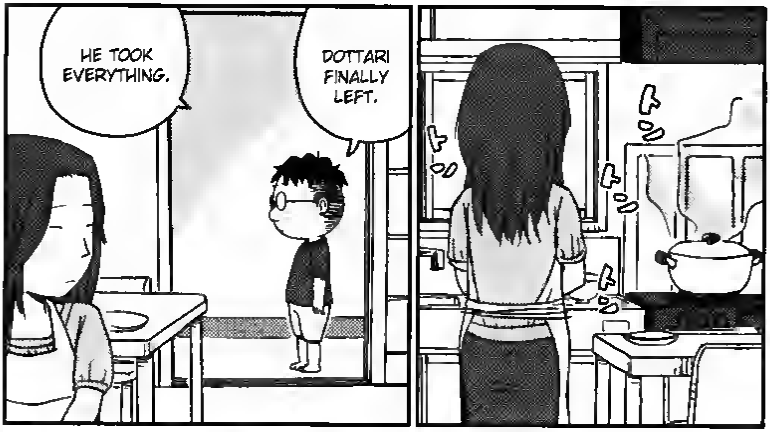
HE TOOK EVERYTHING.
DOTTARI FINALLY LEFT.
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BREAK-FAST WILL BE READY SOON.
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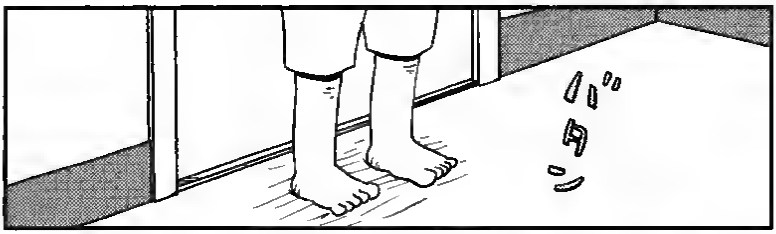
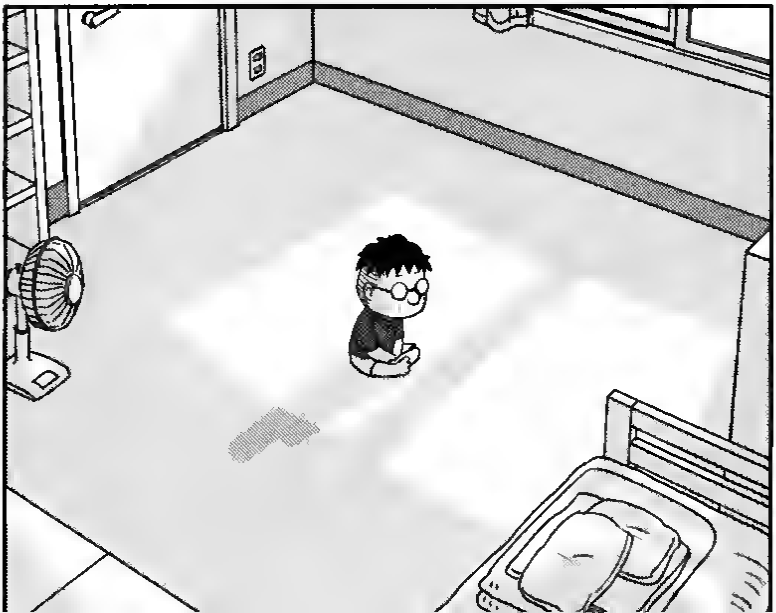
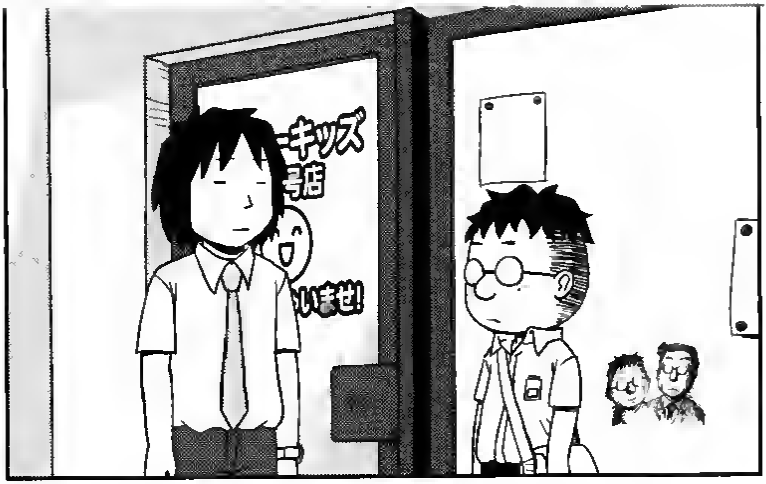
DID YOU PROPERLY SAY GOODBYE?
I SEE ...

THANKS FOR SEWING THE RAGGED BAG BIGGER.
MOM.
WHAT IS IT, DEAR?



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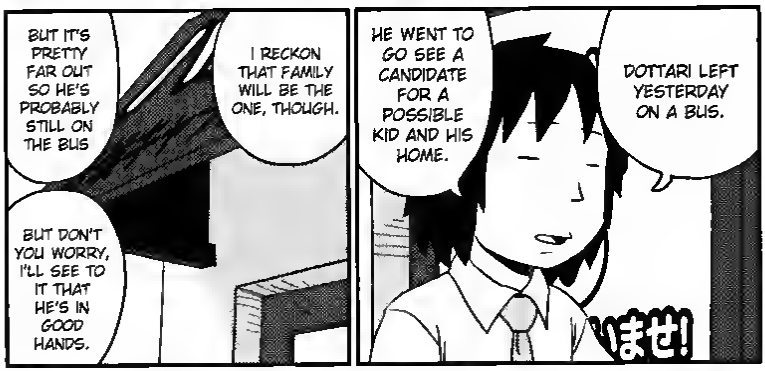
DOTTARI LEFT YESTERDAY ON A BUS.
HE WENT TO GO SEE A CANDIDATE FOR A POSSIBLE KID AND HIS HOME.
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I RECKON THAT FAMILY WILL BE THE ONE, THOUGH.
BUT IT'S PRETTY FAR OUT SO HE'S PROBABLY STILL ON THE BUS
BUT DON'T YOU WORRY, I'LL SEE TO IT THAT HE'S IN GOOD HANDS.

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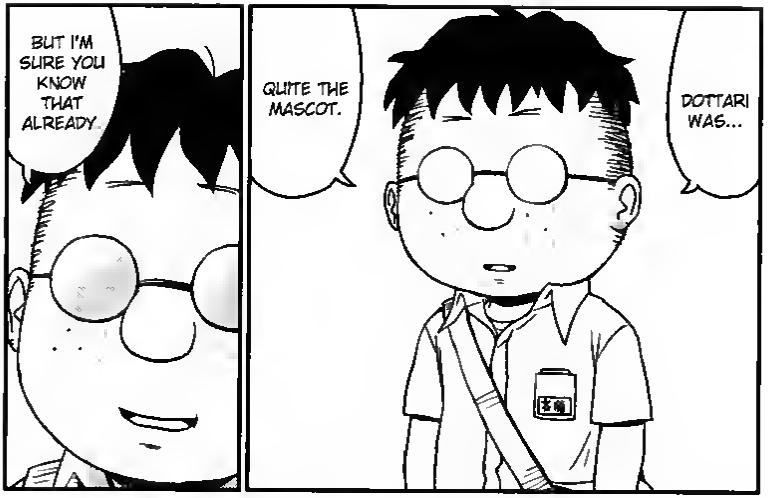
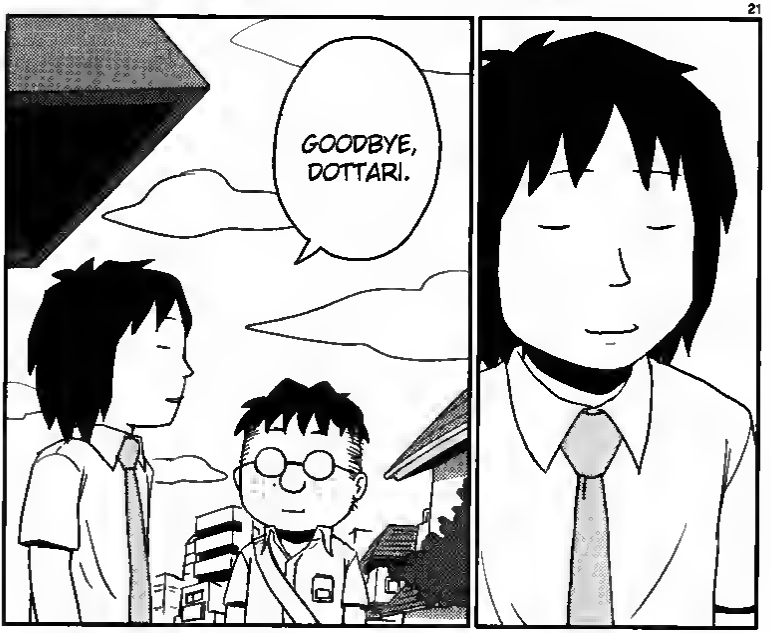
THAT'S GOOD.
THE ONLY REAL PROBLEM WAS TRYING TO BRING ALONG THAT HUGE RAGGEDY BAG OF HIS.
..HE WAS ALSO WORRIED ABOUT YOU, TAIZOU.





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Mascot Profile

ID No.	01610482
Mascot Type	Goblin
Name	Dottari the Slowpoke!
No. Families Serviced	6
Special Skills	Anything can fit into Dottari's Raggedy Bag.
Favourite Food	Curry rice.
Motto	Ushishishi.
Preferred Family	A nice home with a pool.
Message	It's a nice to meet you, hope we can get along.
Further Notes	A nice mascot but with a short memory.

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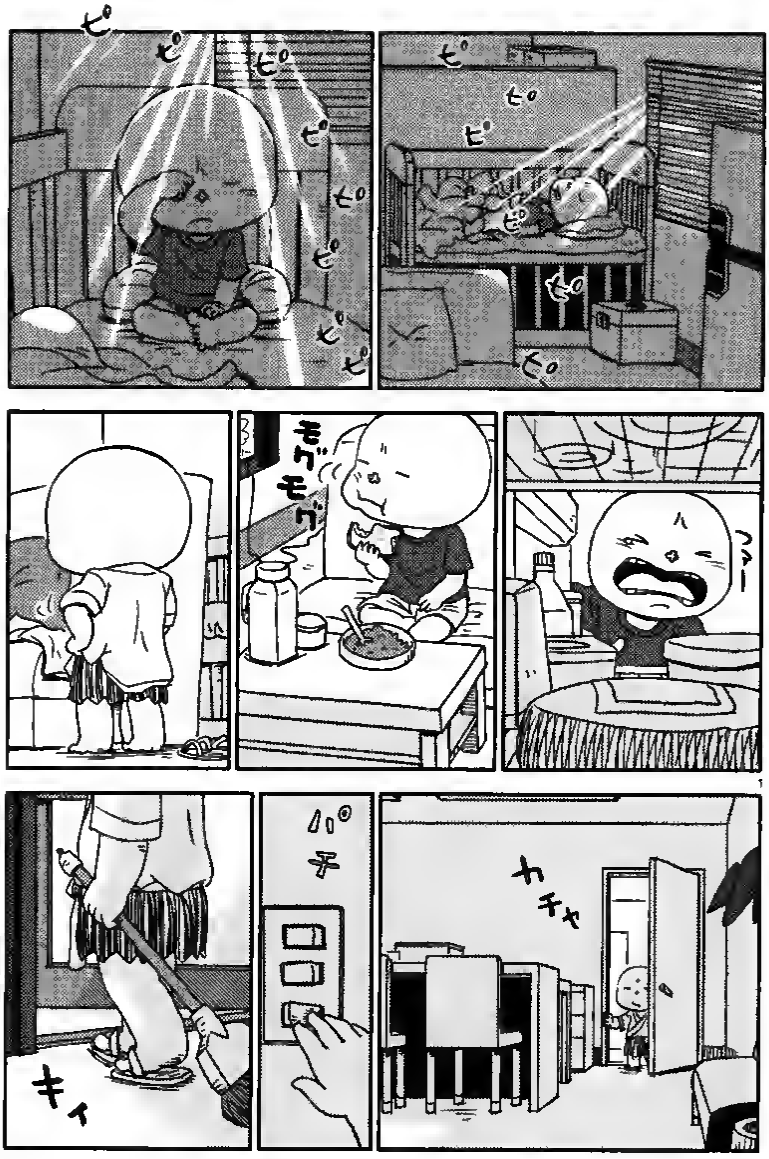
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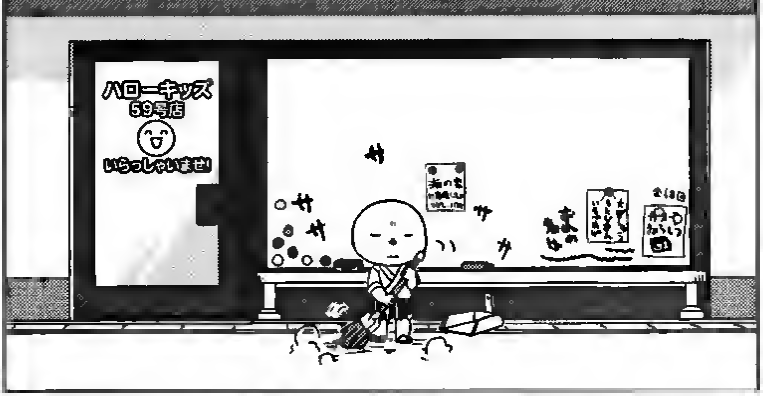

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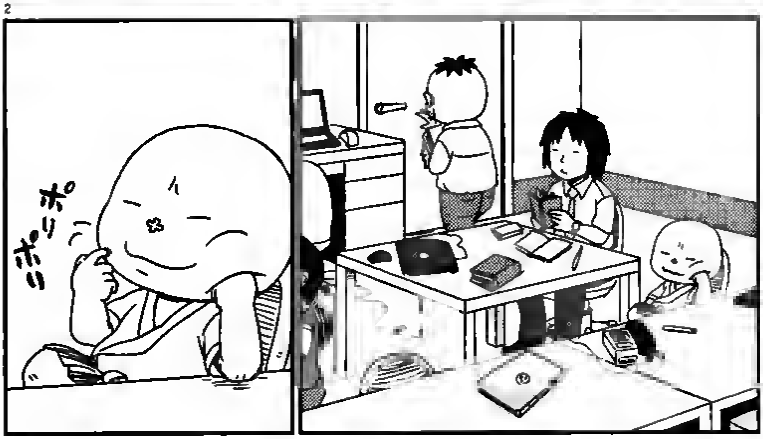

MIGHT THIS HAVE TO DO ANYTHING WITH KOBACHI BECOMING THE MANAGER OF BRANCH STORE #60 RECENTLY?
CAN'T HELP IT. I'VE GOT MY MANAGER'S QUALIFICATION EXAMS NEXT WEEK.
IT'S GETTIN' ON MY NERVES.
MAN, ALL YOU DO IS STUDY THESE DAYS.
I MEAN, IF YOU WANT SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT, HOW ABOUT NAOMI GETTING ENGAGED!?
AGH, ENOUGH ABOUT ME
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KEEP AT IT, HANDA.
STOP BOTHERING ME
WELL, UMM I CAN'T SAY THAT IT'S COMPLETELY UNRELATED.
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IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE I STOP WORKING HERE,
BUT I HOPE THE REST OF YOU CAN FIND HAPPINESS TOO.
SORRY FOR FINDING HAPPINESS ALL BY MYSELF.
HE MUST BE QUITE THE GUY, AM I RIGHT?
WHY DON'T YOU JUST TELL US WHO YOUR FUTURE HUSBAND IS AT LEAST? C'MON!

BY THE WAY, WHY THE SUDDEN HAIRSTYLE CHANGE, MS.SARASHINA?
I JUST LET IT GROW OUT, THAT'S ALL
N-NO, IT'S NOTHING
YOU'VE BEEN WORKING HERE LONGER THAN EVEN ME
YES, WE'LL SURE MISS YOU.
I HAVE TO SAY, THINGS ARE GOING TO BE LONELY WITHOUT YOU AROUND, NAOMI.
EVERYONE ALL HAS. . SOMETHING NEW IN THEIR LIFE HAPPENING.
EVEN THE BOSS IS GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER KID SOON,
IT'S NOT THAT I REALLY WANTED TO OR ANYTHING
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I CHANGED MY HAIR IN 7 YEARS.
WELL, OL' NORAMIMI'S GONNA GO OFF ON AN ERRAND JUST AS HE ALWAYS DOES.
YOU HUMANS ARE ALL WEIRD.

UGH, SO HOT... MAYBE I SHOULD GO TO THE POOL...
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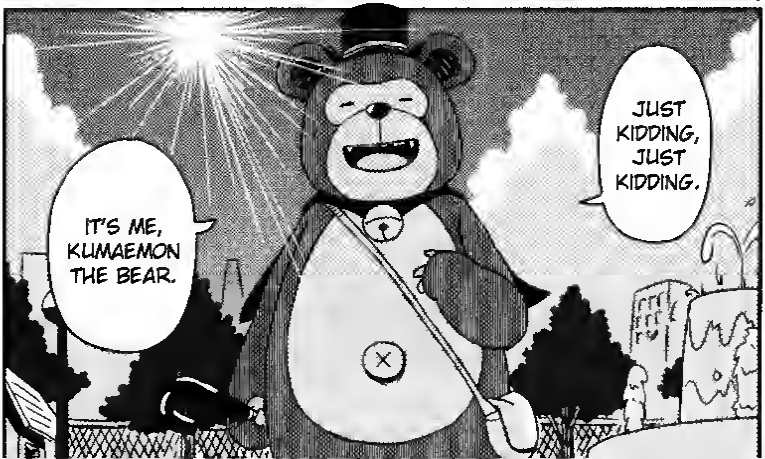
IT'S ME! TANUKI-MON!
WHO WERE YOU AGAIN? I DEFINITELY RECALL MEETING YOU A LONG TIME AGO..
HMM ...?
LONG TIME NO SEE PAL!
WELL WHADDYA KNOW! IT'S NORAMIM!!


IT'S ME, KUMAEMON THE BEAR.
JUST KIDDING, JUST KIDDING.

SO HOW'VE YOU BEEN DOING?
HAHAHA! TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'M IN A SIMILAR SITUATION MYSELF.
YOU'D BE SURPRISED.
SO I ASSUME YOU'RE NOT SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME WITH KIDS THEN, RIGHT?
HAHA, SO YOU STILL WORK AT HELLO KIDS.
HE'S A FATHER NOW. HIS KID IS ALREADY 4 YEARS OLD.
SPEAKING OF HIRO, HE WAS SOON ABLE TO FIND A SUITABLE PARTNER FROM THE MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENT SERVICES.
I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO GO MY OWN WAY AFTER SAYING GOOD BYE TO HIRO.
OH, I'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT...
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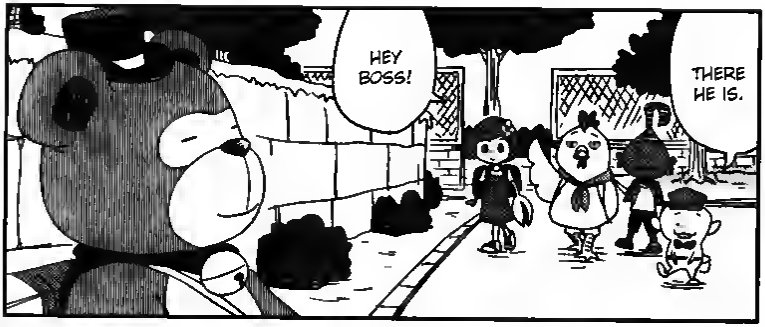
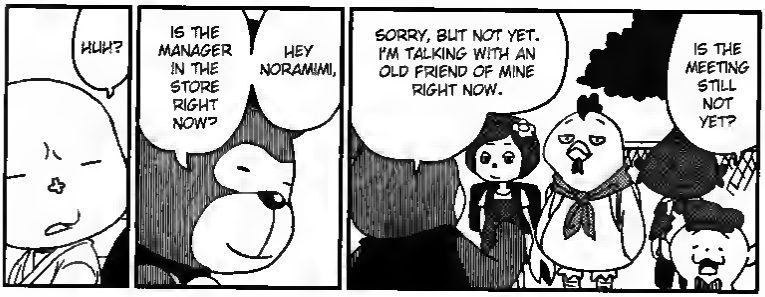
YOU'RE WORKING?
WHEN I FOUND A WONDERFUL JOB OPPORTUNITY.
ANYWAYS, AFTER FINALLY BEING OUT ON MY OWN AGAIN, I WAS THINKING OF FINDING ANOTHER PLACE TO FREELOAD FROM.


HEY BOSS!
THERE HE IS.


HUH?
IS THE MANAGER IN THE STORE RIGHT NOW?
HEY NORAMIMI,
SORRY, BUT NOT YET. I'M TALKING WITH AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE RIGHT NOW.
IS THE MEETING STILL NOT YET?

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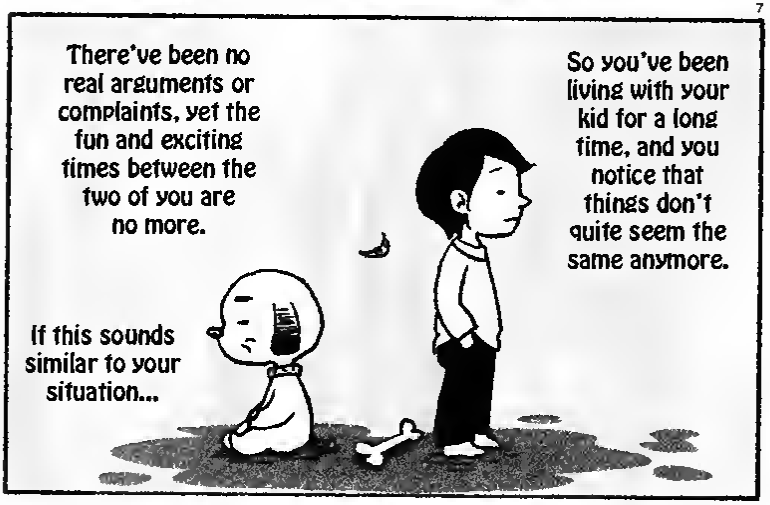
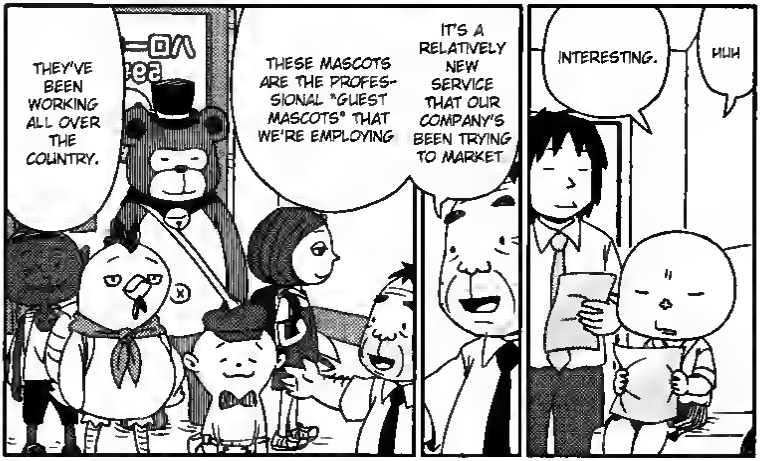

There've been no real arguments or complaints, yet the fun and exciting times between the two of you are no more.
So you've been living with your kid for a long time, and you notice that things don't quite seem the same anymore.
If this sounds similar to your situation...

They'll be sure to spice up your daily life again!
We'll arrange for an unexpected visit from your old mascot's friend, relative, etc!
Then Hello Kid's "Refresher Service" is just the thing for you!


THEY'VE BEEN WORKING ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.
THESE MASCOTS ARE THE PROFESSIONAL "GUEST MASCOTS" THAT WE'RE EMPLOYING
IT'S A RELATIVELY NEW SERVICE THAT OUR COMPANY'S BEEN TRYING TO MARKET
INTERESTING.
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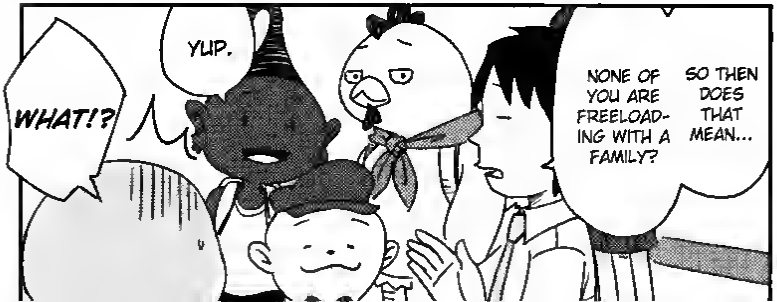
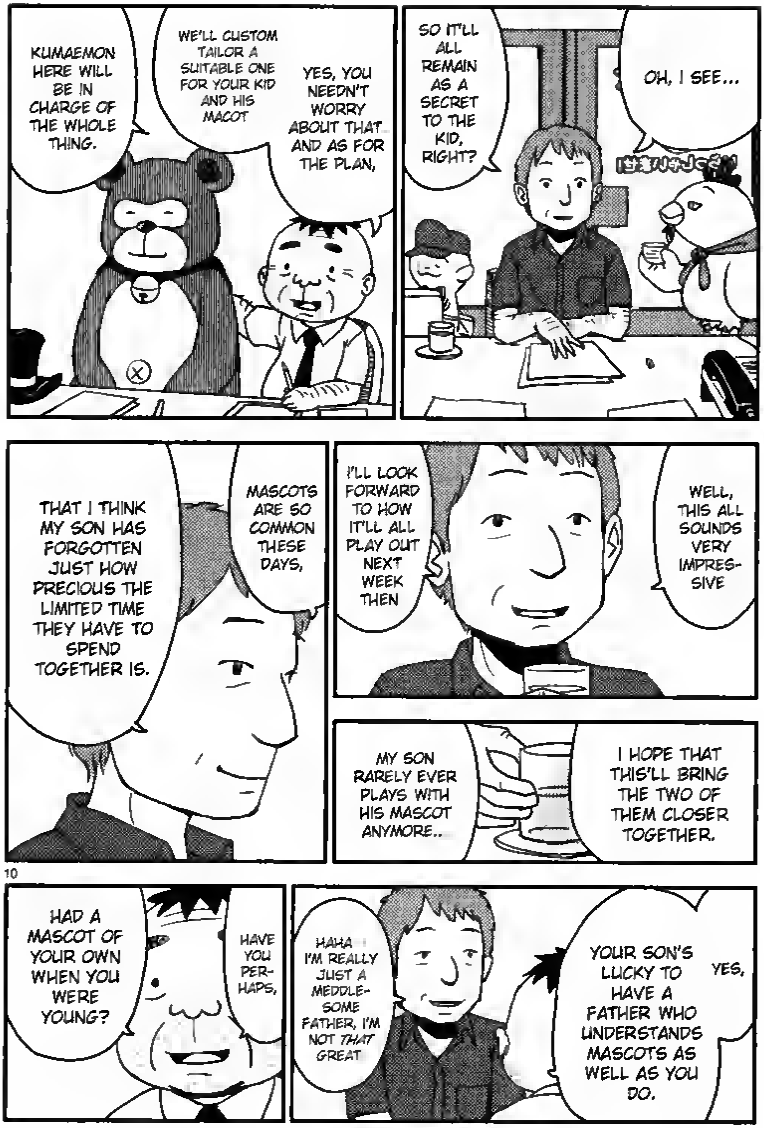

WHAT!?
YUP.
NONE OF YOU ARE FREELOADING WITH A FAMILY?
SO THEN DOES THAT MEAN...

BUT WE GET TO MEET AND PLAY WITH PLENTY OF KIDS.
WELL, WE KNOW THAT IT'S NOT THE MOST ORTHODOX OF JOBS...
Chicken-head
Camfull
DON'T YOU EVER GET LONELY!? ISN'T IT HARD!?
R-REALLY...!? AND YOU'RE O-OKAY WITH THAT!?
BUT FOR US, EVERYDAY IS NEW AND EXCITING.
WE MAY NOT BE LIVING THE MOST NORMAL LIVES,
Hiyoroku
OUR TIME SPENT WITH EACH CHILDREN ISN'T VERY LONG, BUT WE DO OUR BEST TO GIVE THEM AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE.
IT'S AN IMPORTANT SERVICE THAT WE PROVIDE.
Chokiko
I SEE
.....
IT'S NOT A BAD LIFE, CAN'T SAY I HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS.
BUT IT WAS SO MUCH FUN I KEPT DOING IT.
I THOUGHT IT SOUNDED PRETTY INTERSTING SO I TRIED IT ON A WHIM,
Kumaemon


KUMAEMON HERE WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE WHOLE THING.
WE'LL CUSTOM TAILOR A SUITABLE ONE FOR YOUR KID AND HIS MACOT
YES, YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT AND AS FOR THE PLAN,
SO IT'LL ALL REMAIN AS A SECRET TO THE KID, RIGHT?
OH, I SEE...
ISHIJIMA
THAT I THINK MY SON HAS FORGOTTEN JUST HOW PRECIOUS THE LIMITED TIME THEY HAVE TO SPEND TOGETHER IS.
MASCOTS ARE SO COMMON THESE DAYS,
I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO HOW IT'LL ALL PLAY OUT NEXT WEEK THEN
WELL, THIS ALL SOUNDS VERY IMPRES-SIVE
MY SON RARELY EVER PLAYS WITH HIS MASCOT ANYMORE..
I HOPE THAT THIS'LL BRING THE TWO OF THEM CLOSER TOGETHER.
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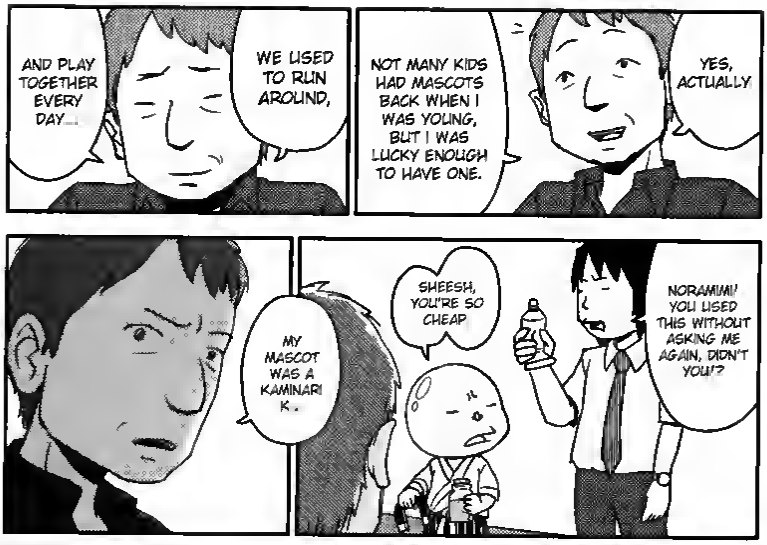
HAD A MASCOT OF YOUR OWN WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG?
HAVE YOU PER-HAPS,
HAHA I'M REALLY JUST A MEDDLE-SOME FATHER, I'M NOT THAT GREAT
YOUR SON'S LUCKY TO HAVE A FATHER WHO UNDERSTANDS MASCOTS AS WELL AS YOU DO.
YES,


AND PLAY TOGETHER EVERY DAY...
WE USED TO RUN AROUND,
NOT MANY KIDS HAD MASCOTS BACK WHEN I WAS YOUNG, BUT I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE ONE.
YES, ACTUALLY
MY MASCOT WAS A KAMINARI K.
SHEESH, YOU'RE SO CHEAP
NORAMIMI! YOU USED THIS WITHOUT ASKING ME AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU!?

AHHH!
IT'S ME, RYOUHEI.
NORAMIMI THE KAMINARI KOZO...
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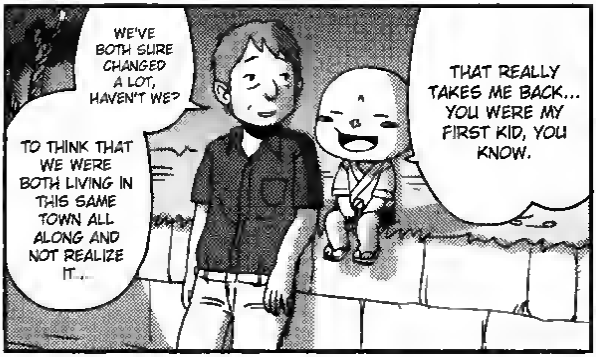
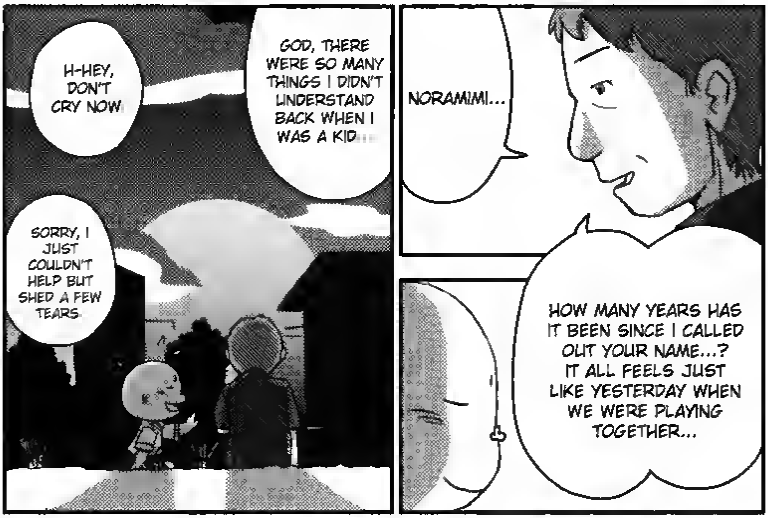
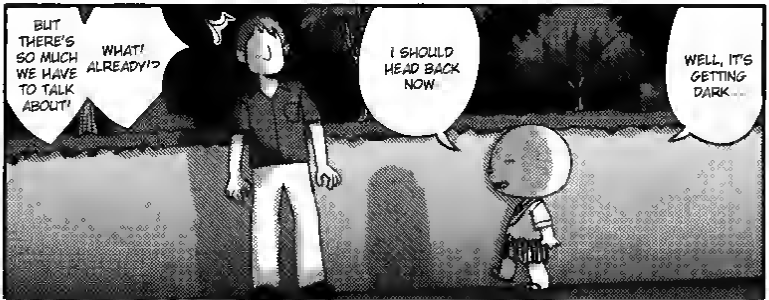
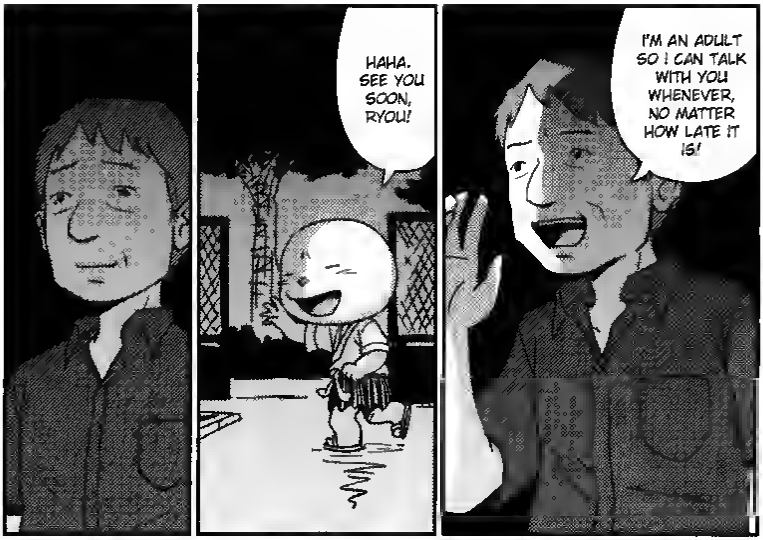
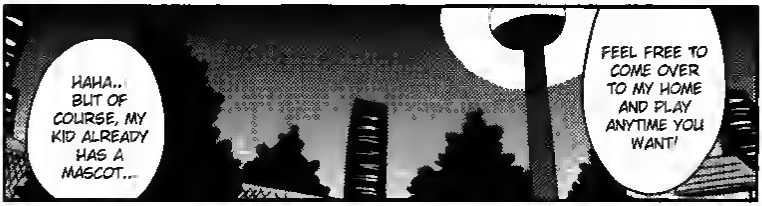

WE'VE BOTH SURE CHANGED A LOT, HAVEN'T WE?
TO THINK THAT WE WERE BOTH LIVING IN THIS SAME TOWN ALL ALONG AND NOT REALIZE IT...
THAT REALLY TAKES ME BACK... YOU WERE MY FIRST KID, YOU KNOW.
HAHA
THE POINTED ROCK! RIGHT NOW I REMEMBER!


H-HEY, DON'T CRY NOW
GOD, THERE WERE SO MANY THINGS I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND BACK WHEN I WAS A KID...
SORRY, I JUST COULDN'T HELP BUT SHED A FEW TEARS.
NORAMIMI...
HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN SINCE I CALLED OUT YOUR NAME...? IT ALL FEELS JUST LIKE YESTERDAY WHEN WE WERE PLAYING TOGETHER...


BUT THERE'S SO MUCH WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT!
WHAT! ALREADY!?
I SHOULD HEAD BACK NOW
WELL, IT'S GETTING DARK...


HAHA. SEE YOU SOON, RYOU!
I'M AN ADULT SO I CAN TALK WITH YOU WHENEVER, NO MATTER HOW LATE IT IS!


HAHA.. BUT OF COURSE, MY KID ALREADY HAS A MASCOT...
FEEL FREE TO COME OVER TO MY HOME AND PLAY ANYTIME YOU WANT!

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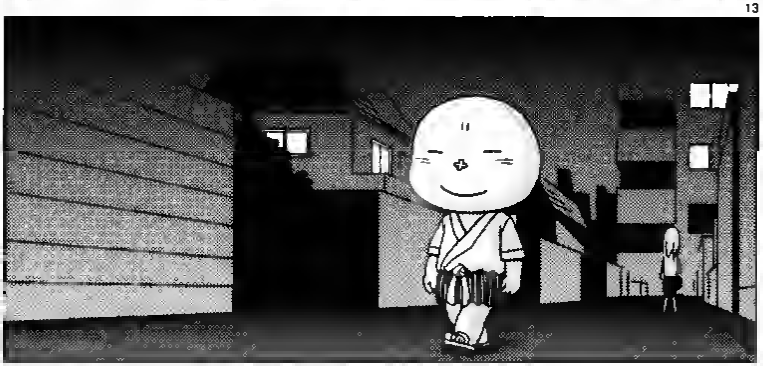

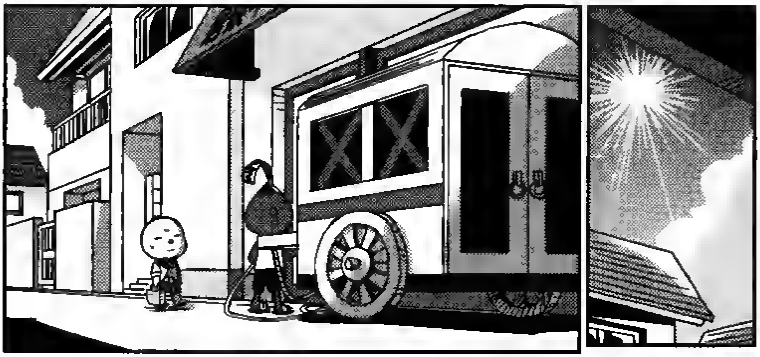

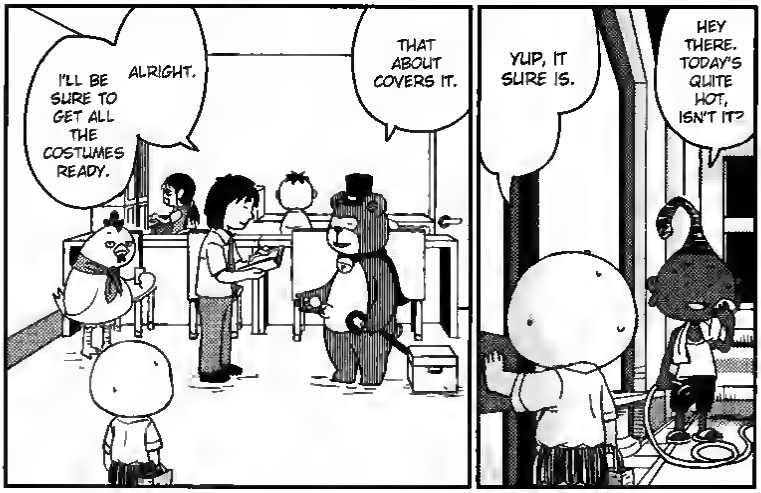
I'LL BE SURE TO GET ALL THE COSTUMES READY.
ALRIGHT.
THAT ABOUT COVERS IT.
YUP, IT SURE IS.
HEY THERE. TODAY'S QUITE HOT, ISN'T IT?

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ABOUT ME?
WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT YOU.
AH, NORAMIMI! GOOD TIMING.

YEAH, IT WAS KUMAEMON'S IDEA.
ME? REALLY?
ABOUT COMING ALONG WITH US TO THE SAWANO FAMILY'S HOME TOMORROW?
HOW DO YOU FEEL,
I'M SURE RYOUHEI WOULD LIKE TO SEE ME AGAIN TOO. ALRIGHT, COUNT ME IN.
FATE, HUH? INTERE-STING ..
THAT MR. SAWANO HAPPENED TO BE YOUR KID WHEN HE WAS YOUNG,
WELL... SEEING HOW IT WAS SUCH A BIG COINCIDENCE,
I THOUGHT THAT THIS MIGHT BE SOME SORT OF FATE, YOU KNOW?

I HAVE JUST THE ROLE THAT I WANT YOU TO PLAY...
GREAT!
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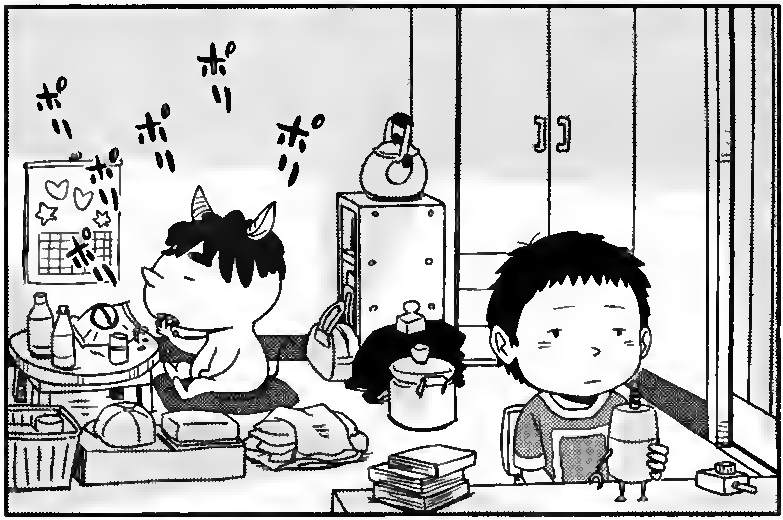
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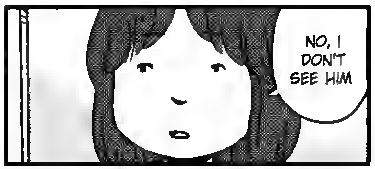
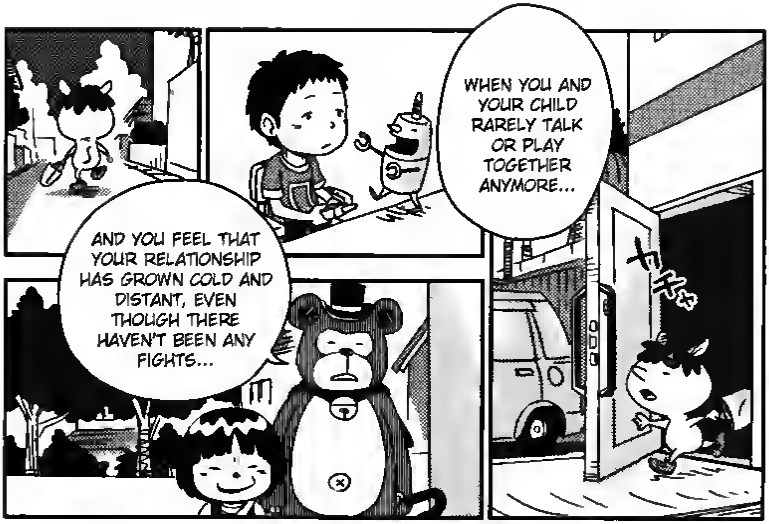
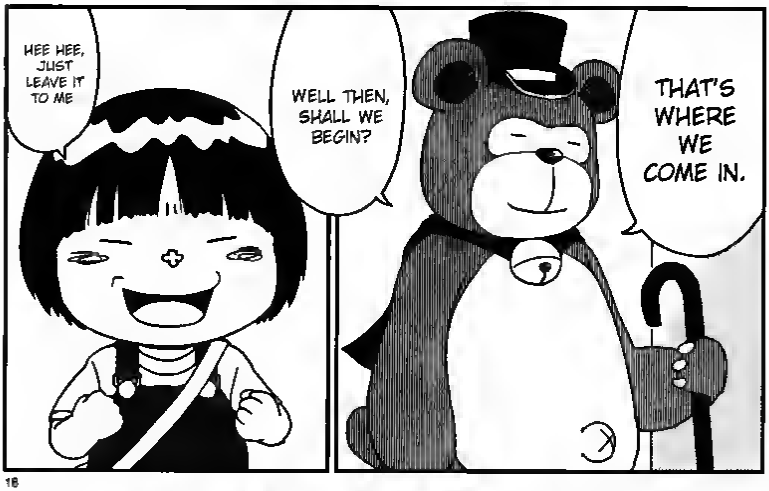

NO, I DON'T SEE HIM

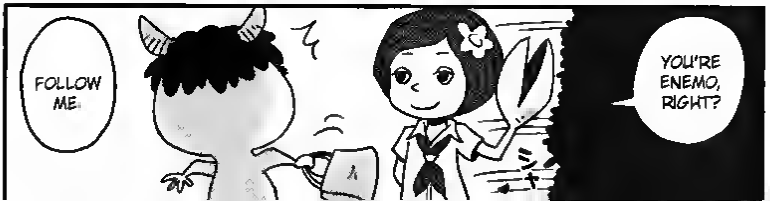
WELL MAYBE HE WENT OUTSIDE

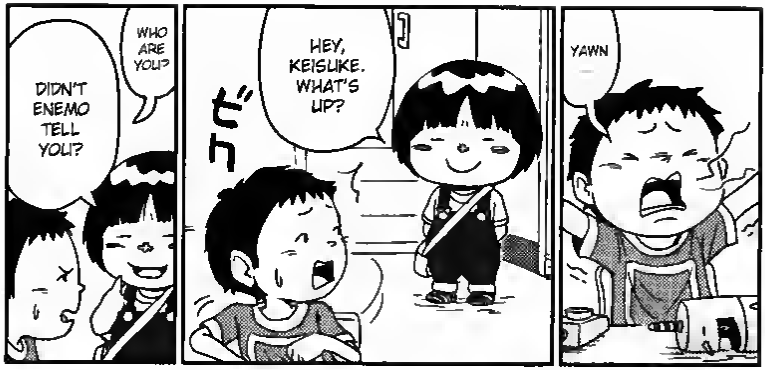
DUNNO, ISN'T HE SITTING AT THE TABLE?
KEISUKE, IS ENEMO HERE WITH YOU?

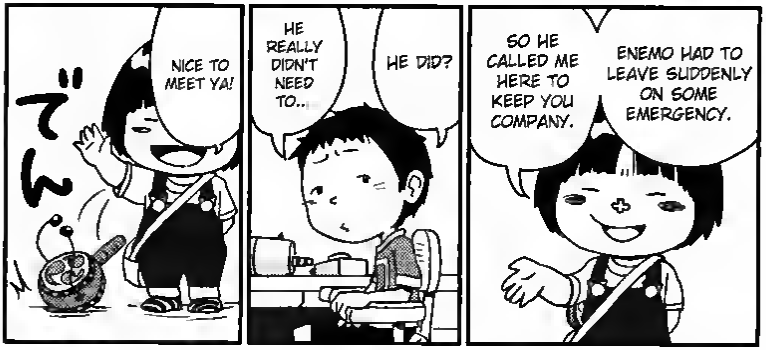
I'LL JUST LEAVE IT HERE ON THIS TABLE THEN...
To: Enemo ♥
WELL I HAVE A LETTER FOR HIM HERE.
A LETTER? FOR ME?
HUH, WHAT'S THIS?
THOSE CRUMBS REALLY STICK TO YOUR HANDS.
I BETTER GET GOING THEN.
WELP...
HMM... I SEE...
TO BRING ALONG SOME SNACKS JUST IN CASE
ALMOST FORGOT,
OH THAT'S RIGHT.


WHEN YOU AND YOUR CHILD RARELY TALK OR PLAY TOGETHER ANYMORE...
AND YOU FEEL THAT YOUR RELATIONSHIP HAS GROWN COLD AND DISTANT, EVEN THOUGH THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY FIGHTS...

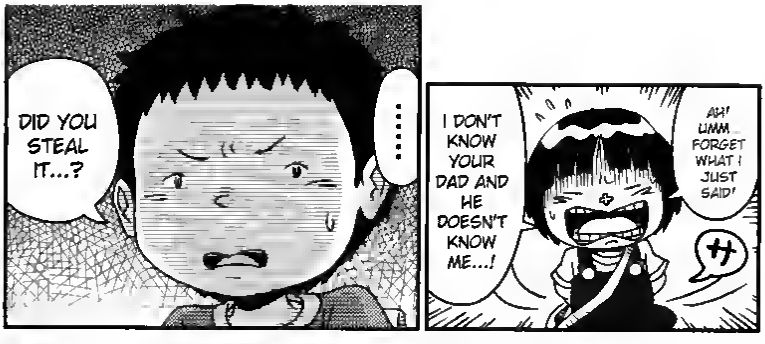

THAT'S WHERE WE COME IN.
WELL THEN, SHALL WE BEGIN?
HEE HEE, JUST LEAVE IT TO ME


YOU'RE ENEMO, RIGHT?
FOLLOW ME.


DIDN'T ENEMO TELL YOU?
WHO ARE YOU?
HEY, KEISUKE. WHAT'S UP?
YAWN...


NICE TO MEET YA!
HE REALLY DIDN'T NEED TO...
HE DID?
SO HE CALLED ME HERE TO KEEP YOU COMPANY.
ENEMO HAD TO LEAVE SUDDENLY ON SOME EMERGENCY.

IS THAT MY DAD'S?
AH, THAT DRUM...
OH CRAP. I HOPE I DIDN'T BREAK IT...
IT'S SOME-THING OF SENTIMENTAL VALUE TO BOTH OF US.
YUP, HE GAVE IT TO ME.


DID YOU STEAL IT...?
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I DON'T KNOW YOUR DAD AND HE DOESN'T KNOW ME...!
AH! UMM FORGET WHAT I JUST SAID!
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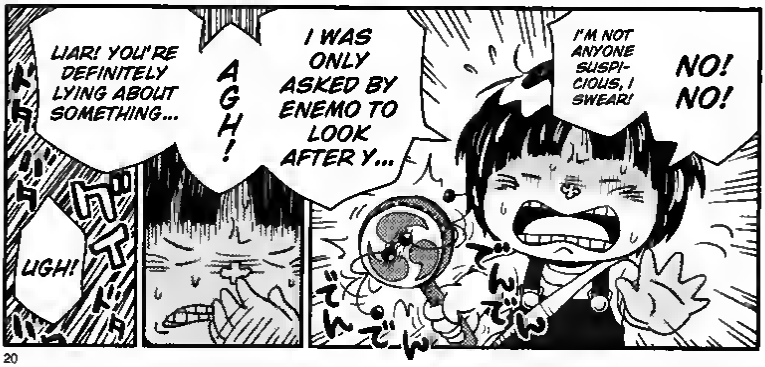
LIAR! YOU'RE DEFINITELY LYING ABOUT SOMETHING...
AGH!
I WAS ONLY ASKED BY ENEMO TO LOOK AFTER Y...
I'M NOT ANYONE SUSPI-CIOUS, I SWEAR!
NO! NO!
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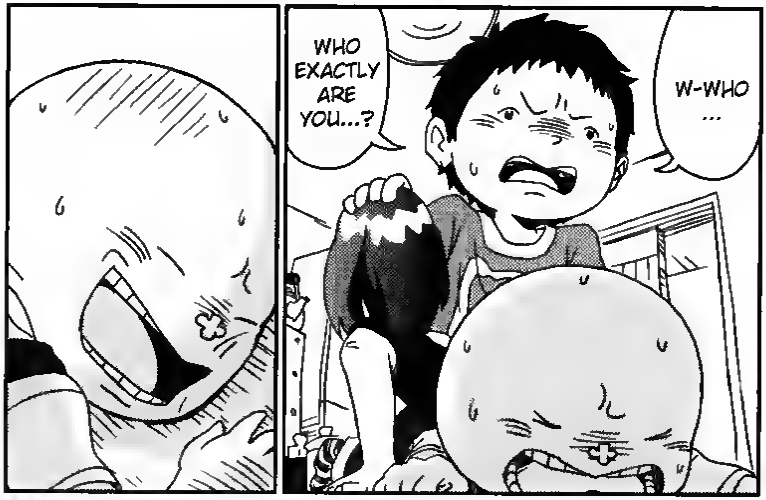
WHO EXACTLY ARE YOU...?
W-WHO ...

Mascot Profile

ID No.	02185410
Mascot Type	Human/Monster
Name	Scissor Girl Chokiko

No. Families Serviced	2
Special Skills	Cutting, rock paper scissors.
Favourite Food	Pizza.
Motto	If you will it, it's no dream.
Preferred Family	A quick-witted kid.
Message	Be careful of my scissors! And don't only pay attention to my scissors!
Further Notes	A mascot whose left hand is a pair of scissors.

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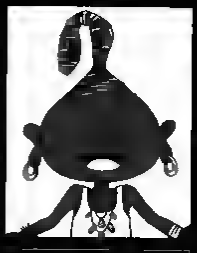
Mascot Profile

ID No.	00095881
Mascot Type	Human
Name	The Soup Chef Hiroyuki



No. Families Serviced	8
Special Skills	Cooking soup.
Favourite Food	Herbal soup.
Motto	Everything is in harmony.
Preferred Family	A house where I can cook soup (already have the neccessary tools, don't mind cooking out in the garden.)
Message	I could eat soup every day.
Further Notes	A mascot that's talented at cooking soup.

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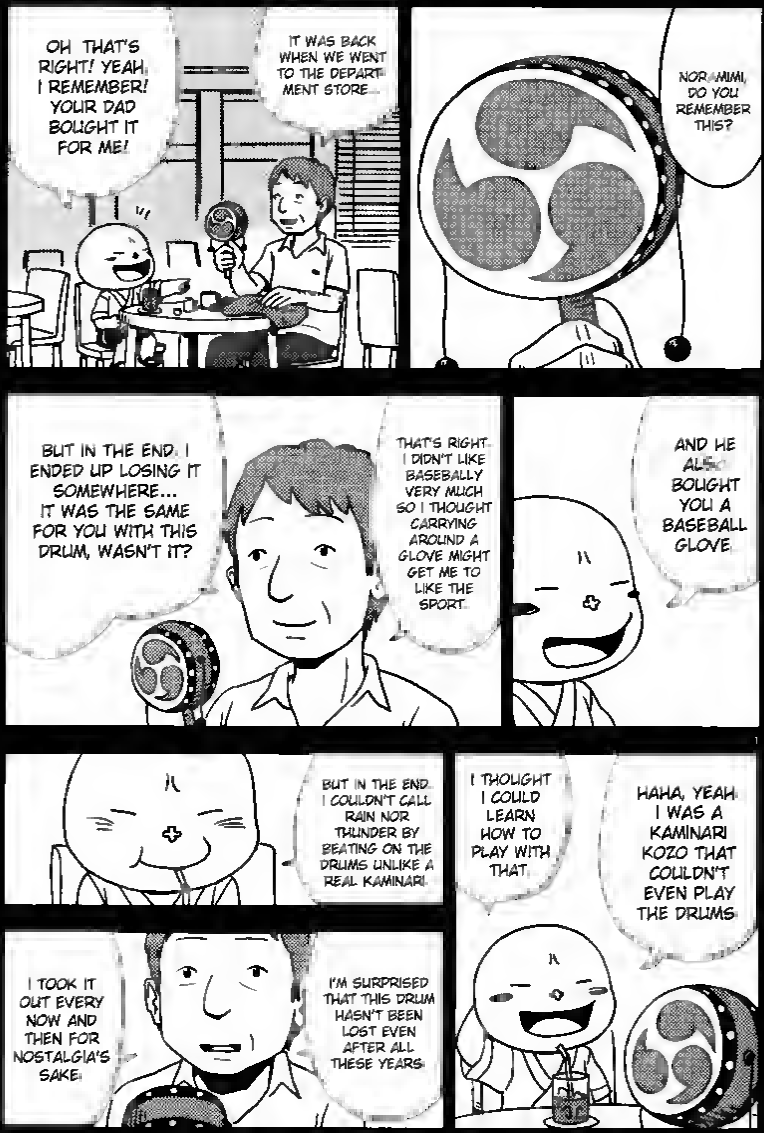
OH THAT'S RIGHT! YEAH, I REMEMBER! YOUR DAD BOUGHT IT FOR ME!
IT WAS BACK WHEN WE WENT TO THE DEPARTMENT STORE...
NORIMIMI, DO YOU REMEMBER THIS?
BUT IN THE END, I ENDED UP LOSING IT SOMEWHERE... IT WAS THE SAME FOR YOU WITH THIS DRUM, WASN'T IT?
THAT'S RIGHT. I DIDN'T LIKE BASEBALL VERY MUCH SO I THOUGHT CARRYING AROUND A GLOVE MIGHT GET ME TO LIKE THE SPORT.
AND HE ALSO BOUGHT YOU A BASEBALL GLOVE.
BUT IN THE END, I COULDN'T CALL RAIN NOR THUNDER BY BEATING ON THE DRUMS UNLIKE A REAL KAMINARI.
I THOUGHT I COULD LEARN HOW TO PLAY WITH THAT.
HAHA, YEAH. I WAS A KAMINARI KOZO THAT COULDN'T EVEN PLAY THE DRUMS.
I TOOK IT OUT EVERY NOW AND THEN FOR NOSTALGIA'S SAKE.
I'M SURPRISED THAT THIS DRUM HASN'T BEEN LOST EVEN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS.

I THOUGHT IT WOULD STAY AS JUST MY WISHFUL THINKING.
AND EVERYTIME I DID, I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT I SHOULD TRY TO SEE YOU ONCE MORE BUT IT NEVER HAPPENED.
YOU SURE?
WHICH IS WHY I WAS SO SURPRISED WHEN I DID END UP SEEING YOU AGAIN.
I'LL RETURN THIS BACK TO YOU.
HERE,

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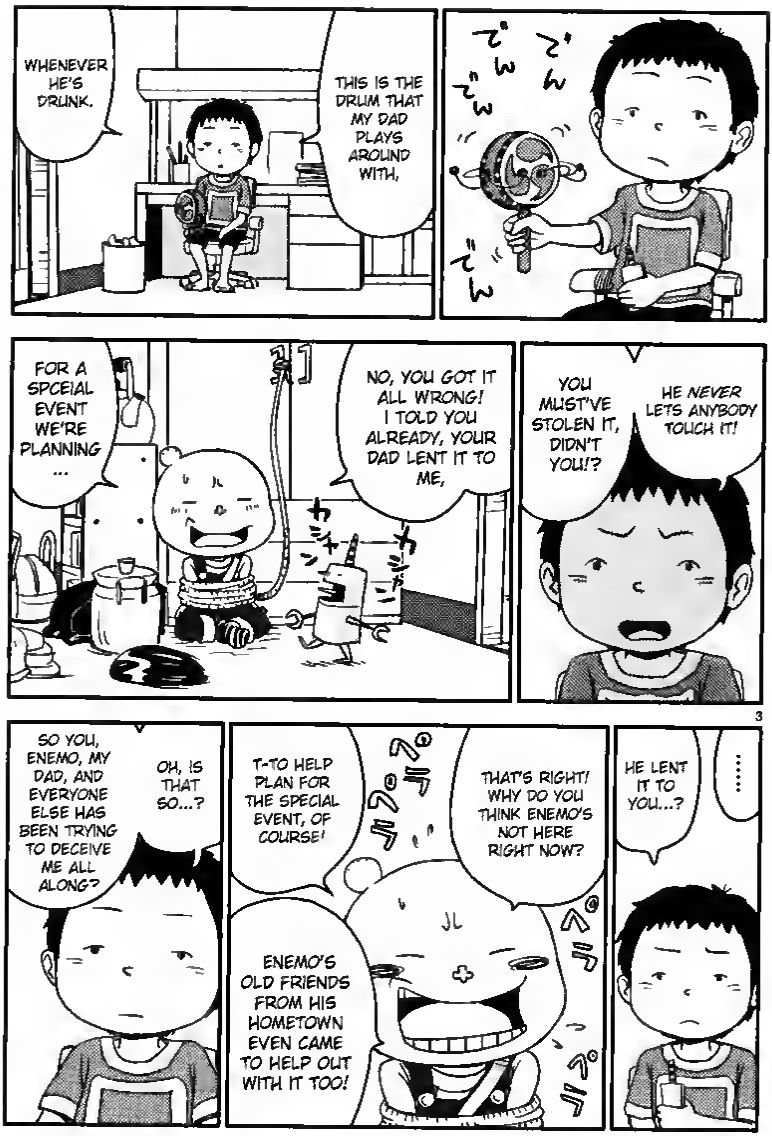
WHENEVER HE'S DRUNK.
THIS IS THE DRUM THAT MY DAD PLAYS AROUND WITH,
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FOR A SPCEIAL EVENT WE'RE PLANNING ...
NO, YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG! I TOLD YOU ALREADY, YOUR DAD LENT IT TO ME,
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YOU MUST'VE STOLEN IT, DIDN'T YOU!?
HE NEVER LETS ANYBODY TOUCH IT!
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SO YOU, ENEMO, MY DAD, AND EVERYONE ELSE HAS BEEN TRYING TO DECEIVE ME ALL ALONG?
OH, IS THAT SO...?
T-TO HELP PLAN FOR THE SPECIAL EVENT, OF COURSE!
THAT'S RIGHT! WHY DO YOU THINK ENEMO'S NOT HERE RIGHT NOW?
ENEMO'S OLD FRIENDS FROM HIS HOMETOWN EVEN CAME TO HELP OUT WITH IT TOO!
HE LENT IT TO YOU...?
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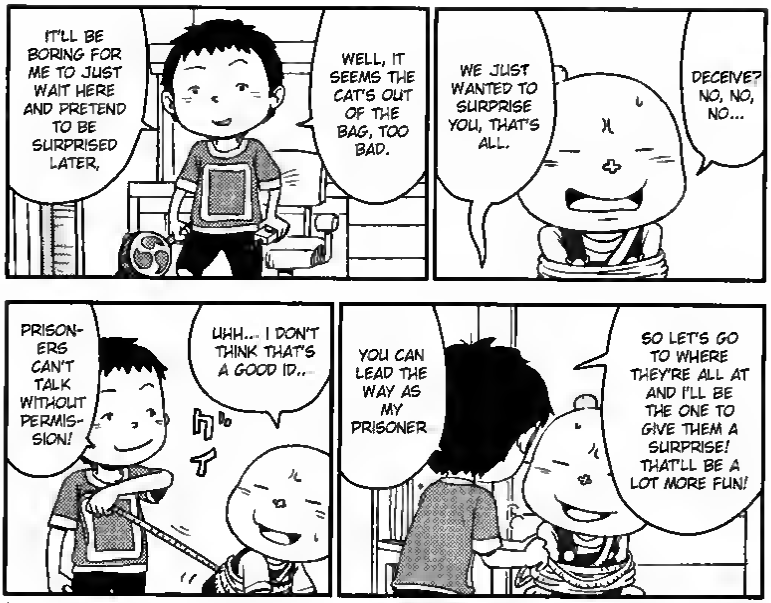
IT'LL BE BORING FOR ME TO JUST WAIT HERE AND PRETEND TO BE SURPRISED LATER.
WELL, IT SEEMS THE CAT'S OUT OF THE BAG, TOO BAD.
WE JUST WANTED TO SURPRISE YOU, THAT'S ALL.
DECEIVE? NO, NO, NO...
PRISONERS CAN'T TALK WITHOUT PERMISSION!
UHH... I DON'T THINK THAT'S A GOOD ID..
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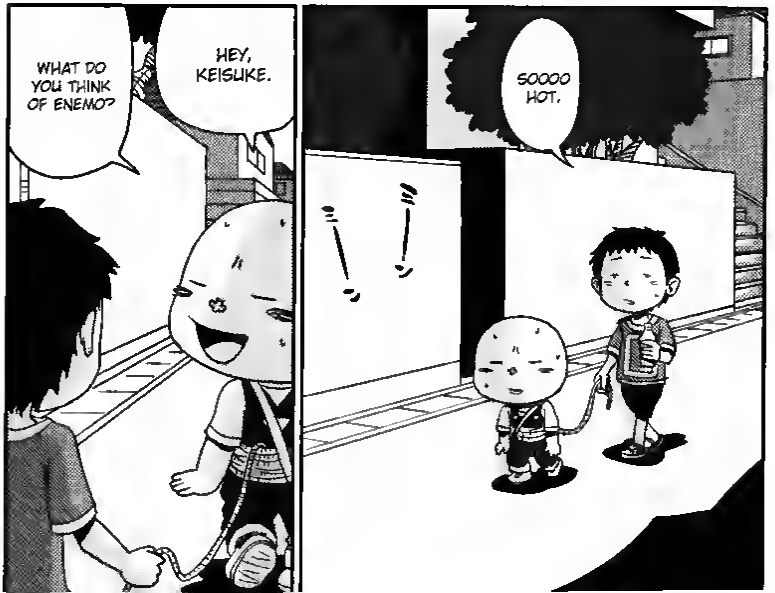
YOU CAN LEAD THE WAY AS MY PRISONER
SO LET'S GO TO WHERE THEY'RE ALL AT AND I'LL BE THE ONE TO GIVE THEM A SURPRISE! THAT'LL BE A LOT MORE FUN!


WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ENEMO?
HEY, KEISUKE.
SOOOO HOT.
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NO, IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT
D'YOU NOT LIKE HIM?
HE'S JUST MY MASCOT.
DUNNO, NOTHING MUCH.
SO YOU'RE IN THE 4TH GRADE, RIGHT? THAT'S ONLY 2 MORE YEARS...
THAT'S ABOUT IT, I GUESS.
I GOT HIM WHEN I FIRST ENTERED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. HE'S BEEN WITH ME EVER SINCE...
YOU MEAN UNTIL I GO TO MIDDLE SCHOOL GUESS THAT'LL ALSO BE WHEN ENEMO HAS TO LEAVE
OH,
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IN ANY CASE, IT'LL STILL BE A LONG WHILE UNTIL I GO TO MIDDLE SCHOOL
A LONG, LONG WAY TO GO...
NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT.
BUT THAT'S JUST THE WAY THINGS ARE.

IS THIS THE PLACE?
OHHH, THEY'RE GONNA BE SO ANGRY AT ME...
ALRIGHT, SSHHH...
AH, THERE THEY ARE
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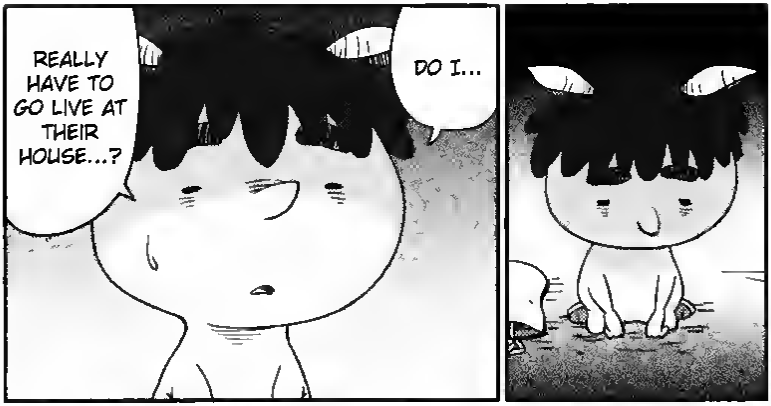
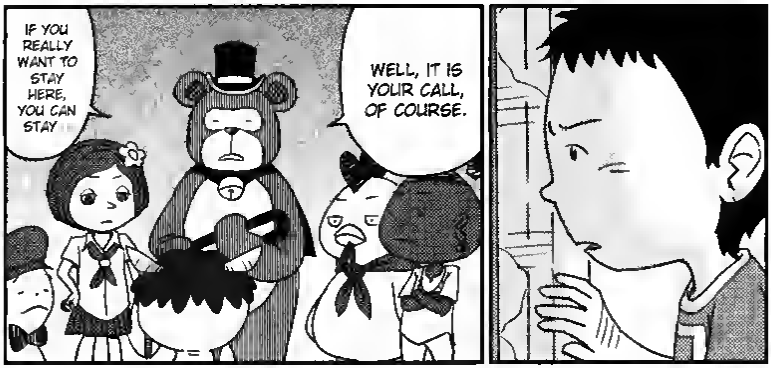
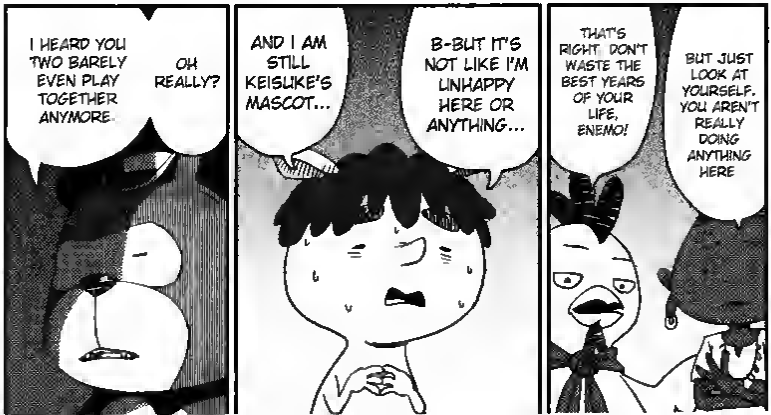
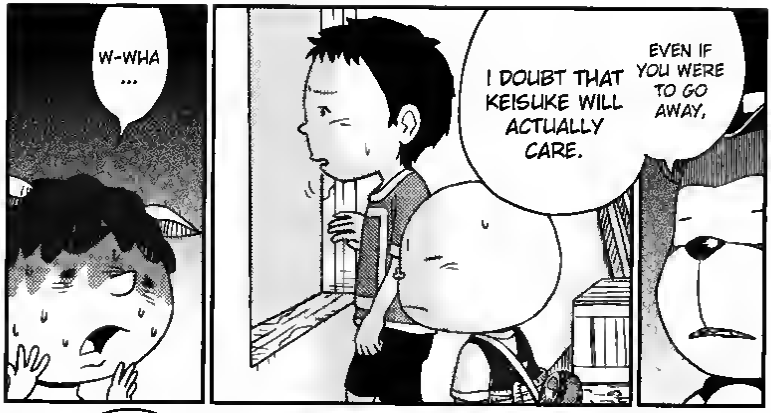
THE BOY'S PARENTS HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO TAKE YOU IN.
UNDER-STAND?


REALLY HAVE TO GO LIVE AT THEIR HOUSE...?
DO I...


IF YOU REALLY WANT TO STAY HERE, YOU CAN STAY
WELL, IT IS YOUR CALL, OF COURSE.


I HEARD YOU TWO BARELY EVEN PLAY TOGETHER ANYMORE.
OH REALLY?
AND I AM STILL KEISUKE'S MASCOT...
B-BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I'M UNHAPPY HERE OR ANYTHING...
THAT'S RIGHT. DON'T WASTE THE BEST YEARS OF YOUR LIFE, ENEMO!
BUT JUST LOOK AT YOURSELF. YOU AREN'T REALLY DOING ANYTHING HERE


W-WHA...
I DOUBT THAT KEISUKE WILL ACTUALLY CARE.
EVEN IF YOU WERE TO GO AWAY,
I'M SURE KEISUKE WILL BE JUST FINE WITH THE NEW MASCOT.
AFTER ALL, WE WOULD BE REPLACING YOU WITH ANOTHER MASCOT.

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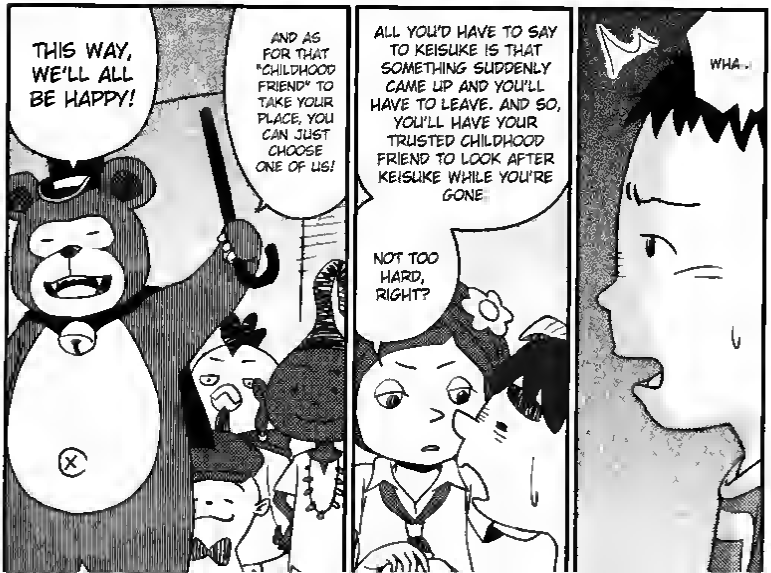
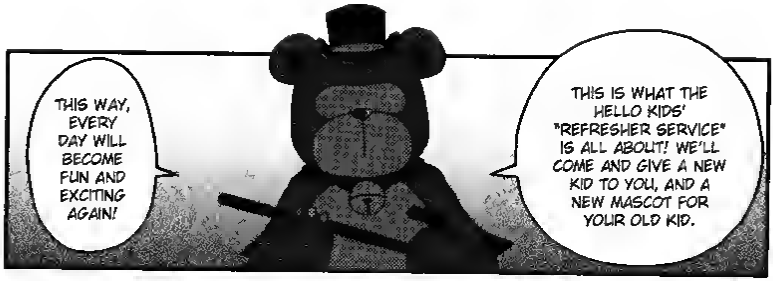
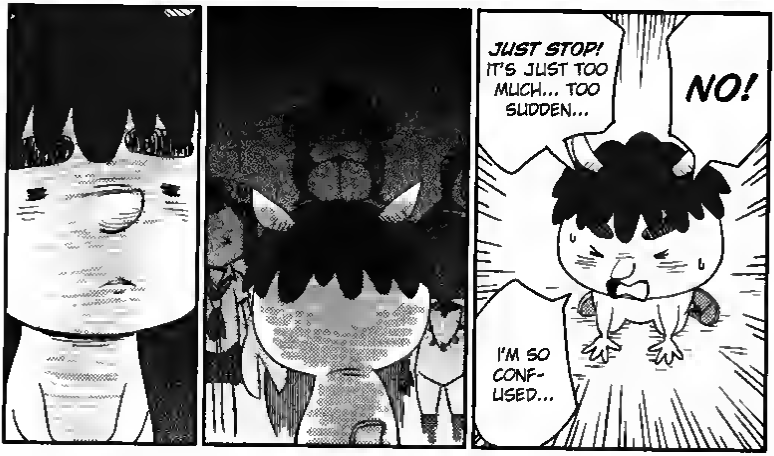
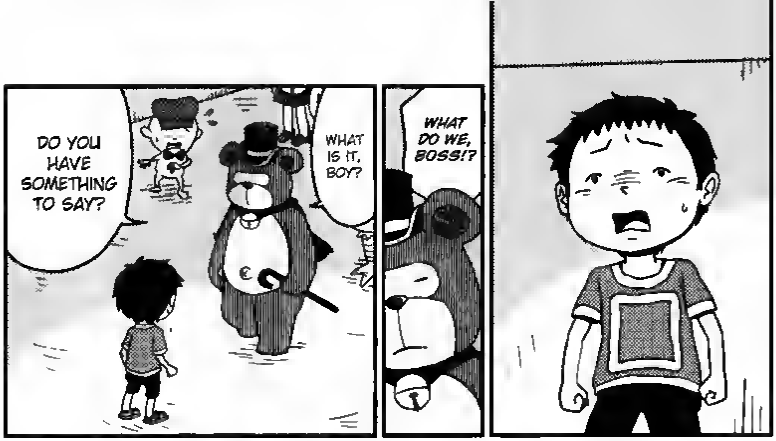

THIS WAY, WE'LL ALL BE HAPPY!
AND AS FOR THAT "CHILDHOOD FRIEND" TO TAKE YOUR PLACE, YOU CAN JUST CHOOSE ONE OF US!
ALL YOU'D HAVE TO SAY TO KEISUKE IS THAT SOMETHING SUDDENLY CAME UP AND YOU'LL HAVE TO LEAVE. AND SO, YOU'LL HAVE YOUR TRUSTED CHILDHOOD FRIEND TO LOOK AFTER KEISUKE WHILE YOU'RE GONE.
NOT TOO HARD, RIGHT?
WHA...

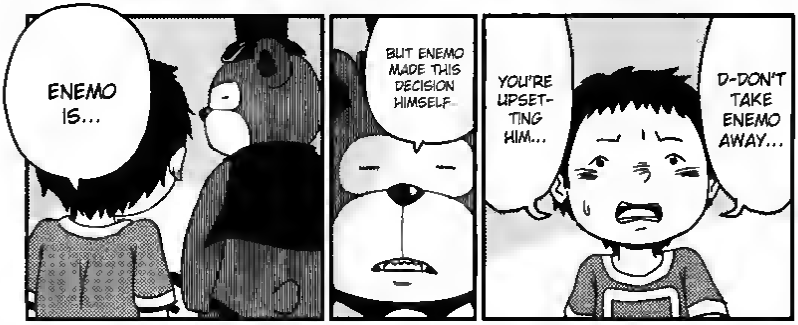

THIS WAY, EVERY DAY WILL BECOME FUN AND EXCITING AGAIN!
THIS IS WHAT THE HELLO KIDS' "REFRESHER SERVICE" IS ALL ABOUT! WE'LL COME AND GIVE A NEW KID TO YOU, AND A NEW MASCOT FOR YOUR OLD KID.


JUST STOP! IT'S JUST TOO MUCH... TOO SUDDEN...
NO!
I'M SO CONF-USED...

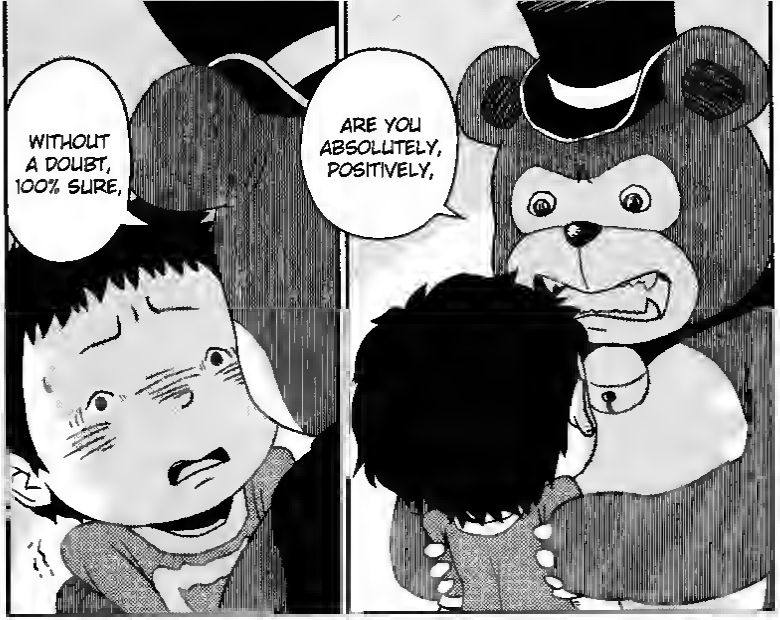
I TRY MY BEST, YOU KNOW! I MEAN, I'M A MASCOT. OF COURSE I'D WANT TO PLAY WITH KEISUKE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
BUT IF KEISUKE DOESN'T FEEL LIKE PLAYING WITH ME THEN WHAT CAN I DO...?
IT'S ALMOST THE SAME AS NOT HAVING A KID..
IN FACT, TO BE HONEST, IT'S NOT VERY FUN ANYMORE
...IT'S TRUE THAT LIVING WITH KEISUKE'S NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE.

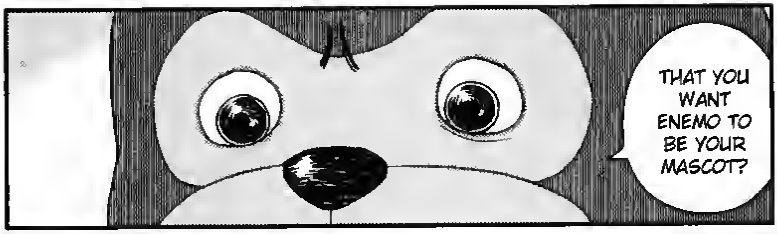
IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE I'M SLOW-WITTED AND BORING...
KEISUKE LOVES HAVING SALMON ONIGIRI WITH GREENTEA...
...HE ALSO REALLY LIKES ROBOTS. HE'LL GET ANGRY IF SOMEONE TOUCHES HIS ROBOTS...
TAKE GOOD CARE OF KEI..
カッ…
KEI-SUKE!?
WHY'S HE HERE!?
AGH!
OH NO!


DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?
WHAT IS IT, BOY?
WHAT DO WE, BOSS!?

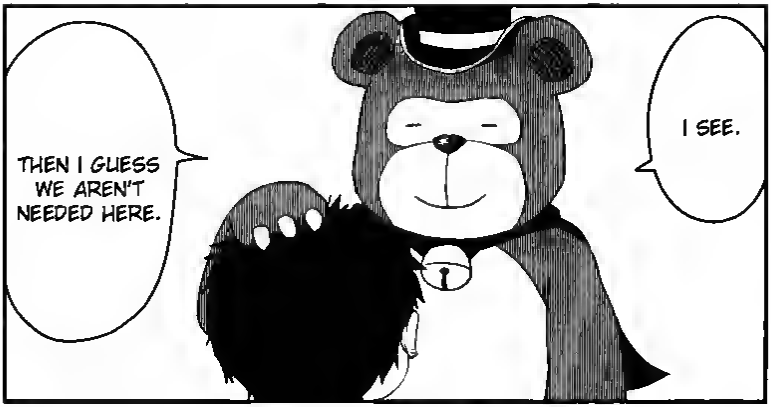

ENEMO IS...
BUT ENEMO MADE THIS DECISION HIMSELF
YOU'RE UPSET-TING HIM...
D-DON'T TAKE ENEMO AWAY...

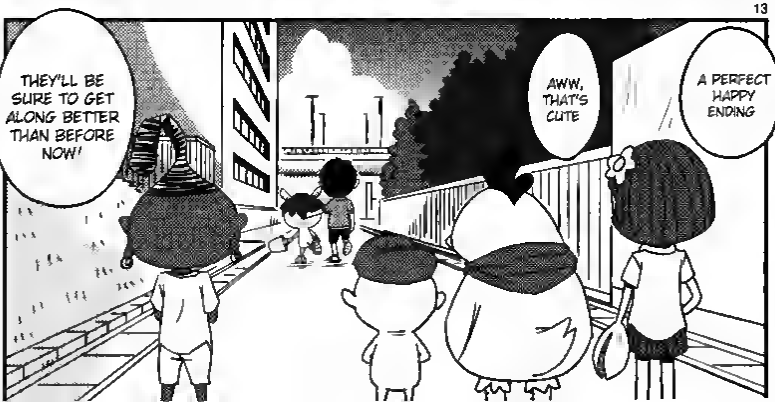
SO DON'T TAKE MY ENEMO AWAY!
B-B-BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I DON'T WANT TO PLAY WITH HIM AT ALL...
I-IT'S TRUE THAT HE'S NOT THE SMARTEST OR FASTEST MASCOT SO IT'S HARD TO PLAY SOCCER OR VIDEO GAMES WITH HIM...
ENEMO'S BEEN WITH ME FOREVER, HE'S LIKE A BROTHER TO ME...

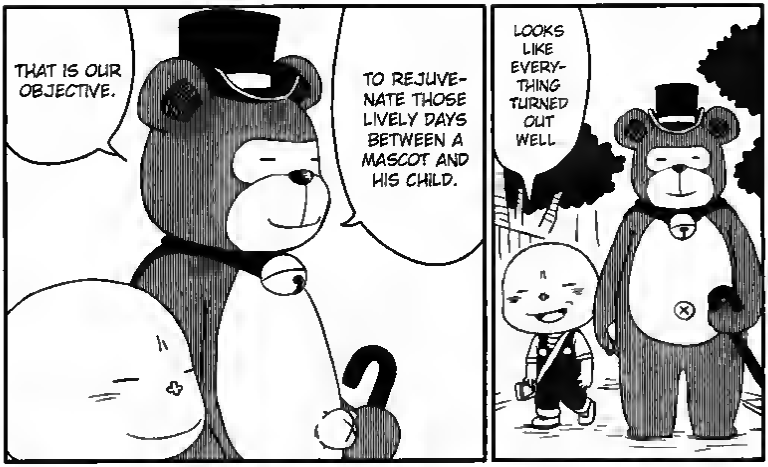

WITHOUT A DOUBT, 100% SURE,
ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY,

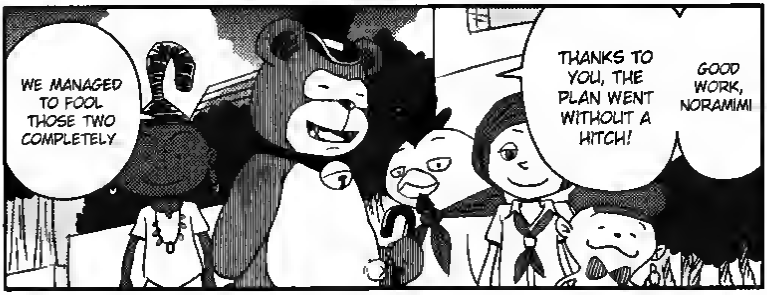

THAT YOU WANT ENEMO TO BE YOUR MASCOT?

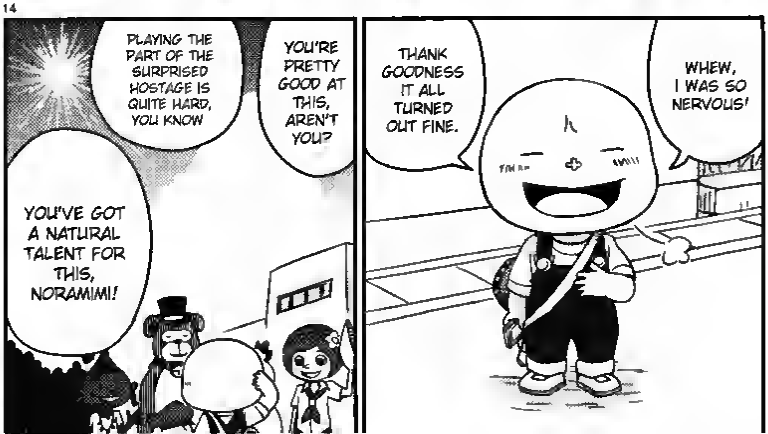
I WANT TO BE WITH ENEMO FOREVER...
I...


I SEE.
THEN I GUESS WE AREN'T NEEDED HERE.


A PERFECT HAPPY ENDING
AWW, THAT'S CUTE
THEY'LL BE SURE TO GET ALONG BETTER THAN BEFORE NOW!


THAT IS OUR OBJECTIVE.
TO REJUVENATE THOSE LIVELY DAYS BETWEEN A MASCOT AND HIS CHILD.
LOOKS LIKE EVERYTHING TURNED OUT WELL


WE MANAGED TO FOOL THOSE TWO COMPLETELY
THANKS TO YOU, THE PLAN WENT WITHOUT A HITCH!
GOOD WORK, NORAMIMI


PLAYING THE PART OF THE SURPRISED HOSTAGE IS QUITE HARD, YOU KNOW
YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD AT THIS, AREN'T YOU?
YOU'VE GOT A NATURAL TALENT FOR THIS, NORAMIMI!
THANK GOODNESS IT ALL TURNED OUT FINE.
WHEW, I WAS SO NERVOUS!

YOU CAN CALL ME UP AGAIN FOR THIS ANYTIME.
HEE HEE IT WAS PRETTY FUN OVERALL THOUGH.
BUT THERE HAVE BEEN CASES WHERE THE MASCOT AND CHILD DECIDE TO PART WAYS.
TRYING TO FIX UP THOSE INSTANCES OF FAILURE CAN BE VERY TOUGH.
THE PLAN WE USED TODAY IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD,
HUH?
THEN HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY, WORKING WITH US?
OH REALLY?
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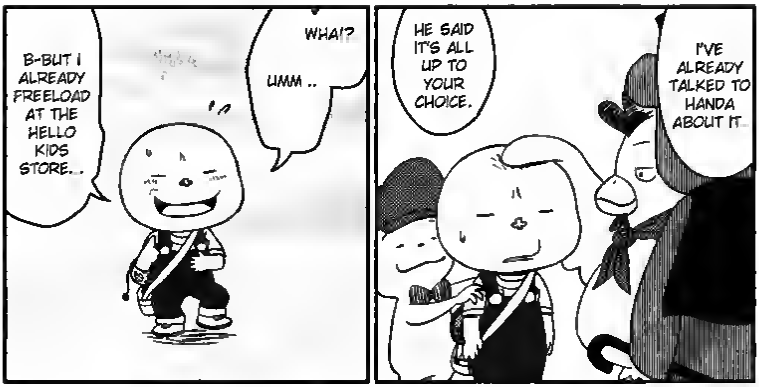
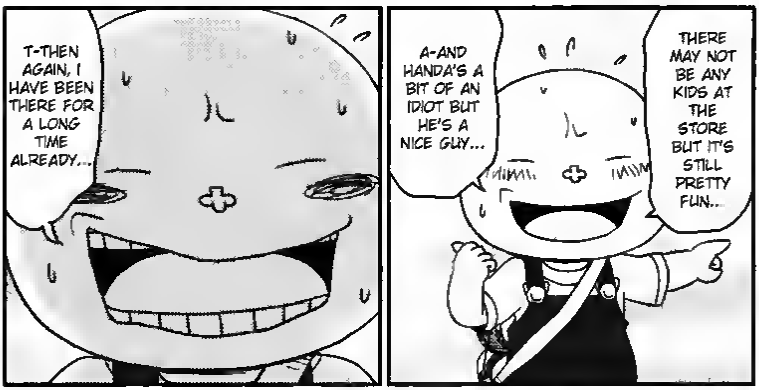
THIS AIN'T NO ACT, WE'D REALLY LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN!
COME ON, WHADDYA SAY?
WE'D ALL BE GLAD TO HAVE YOU ON BOARD.
EVER SINCE MEETING YOU AT THE PARK A FEW DAYS AGO, I WAS THINKING OF HAVING YOU JOIN US. IT'S A VERY REWARDING LINE OF WORK, AS YOU SAW.


B-BUT I ALREADY FREELOAD AT THE HELLO KIDS STORE...
WHAT?
UMM ..
HE SAID IT'S ALL UP TO YOUR CHOICE.
I'VE ALREADY TALKED TO HANDA ABOUT IT.


T-THEN AGAIN, I HAVE BEEN THERE FOR A LONG TIME ALREADY...
A-AND HANDA'S A BIT OF AN IDIOT BUT HE'S A NICE GUY...
THERE MAY NOT BE ANY KIDS AT THE STORE BUT IT'S STILL PRETTY FUN..

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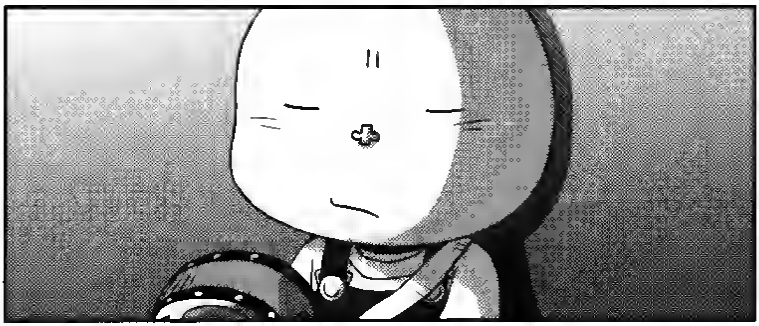

TO THE MUNDANE DAILY LIVES OF MASCOTS AND CHILDREN ALIKE EVERY-WHERE.
OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO BRING THE EXTRAORDINARY.
A JOB IN WHICH WE'D SURPRISE MASCOTS AND KIDS TO TURN THEIR STALE EVERYDAY LIVES FUN AND EXCITING AGAIN.
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HELLO KIDS
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WHAT DO YOU THINK I SHOULD DO...?
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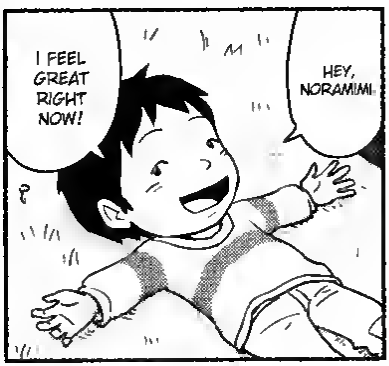
MY DAILY LIFE...

REALLY. WHY?


I FEEL GREAT RIGHT NOW!
HEY, NORAMIMI.

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I'M NOT SLEEPY,
NOT HUNGRY, NOR THIRSTY.
WELL... I'M NOT TOO COLD, NOT TOO HOT,
AND NOT A SINGLE SPOT ON MY BODY HURTS RIGHT NOW.
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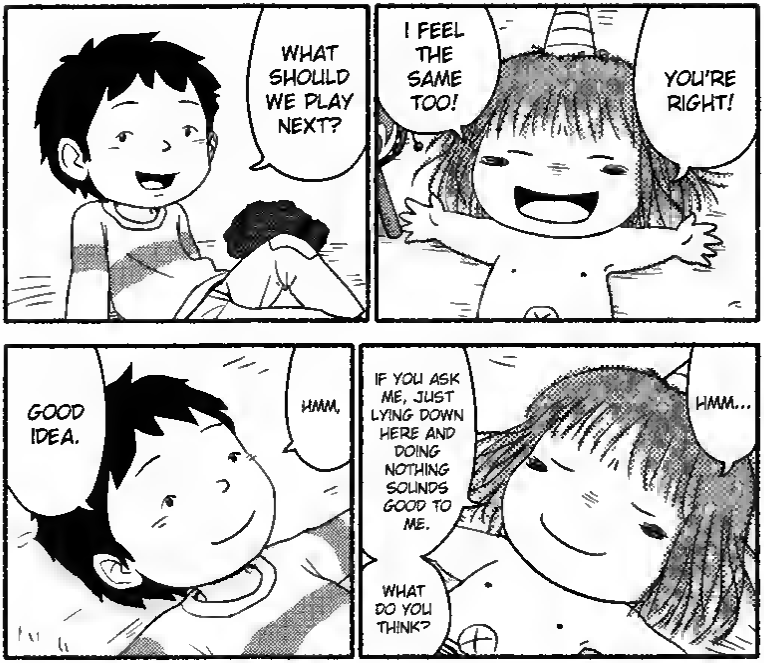
WHAT SHOULD WE PLAY NEXT?
I FEEL THE SAME TOO!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
GOOD IDEA.
HMM.
IF YOU ASK ME, JUST LYING DOWN HERE AND DOING NOTHING SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
HMM...
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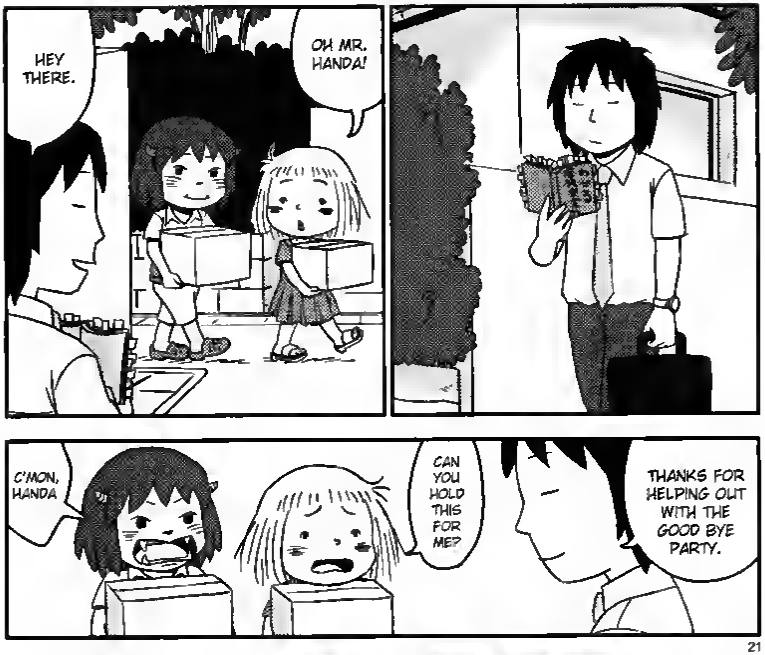
HAHA, OH RIGHT.
SSHHH. DON'T SAY ANYTHING, WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO NOTHING, REMEMBER?
AHH, THIS IS NICE...


HEY THERE.
OH MR. HANDA!
C'MON, HANDA
CAN YOU HOLD THIS FOR ME?
THANKS FOR HELPING OUT WITH THE GOOD BYE PARTY.
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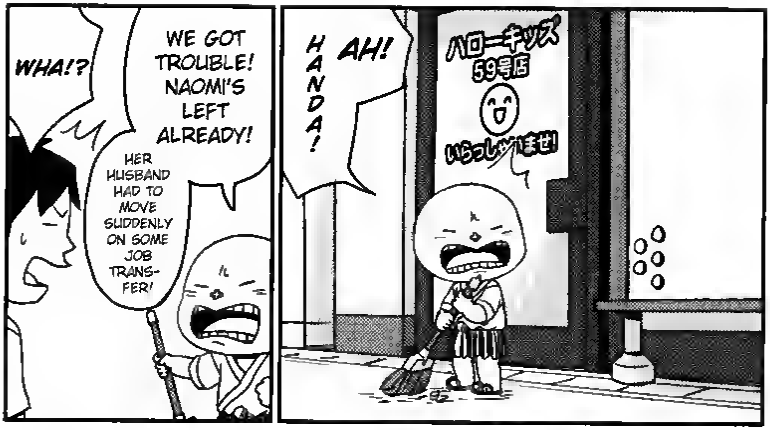
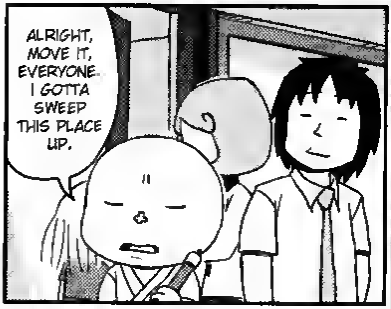
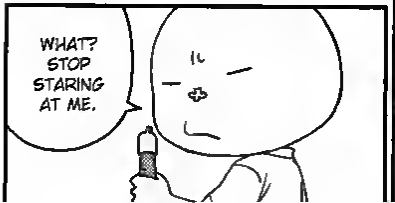
HEY THERE.
YUP, WE EVEN SENT OUT FLYERS.
IT'S GONNA BE QUITE THE BIG PARTY.

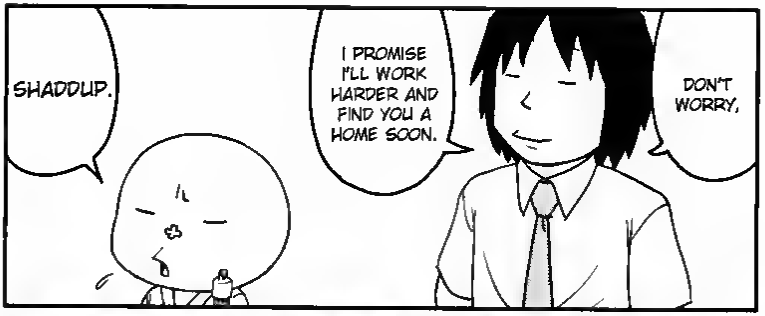

WHA!?
WE GOT TROUBLE! NAOMI'S LEFT ALREADY!
HER HUSBAND HAD TO MOVE SUDDENLY ON SOME JOB TRANS-FER!
AH!
HANDA!
ハローキッズ
59号店
いらっしゃいませ!

AGH, WHATEVER. AT LEAST WE CAN EAT ALL THE FOOD WE BOUGHT
YOU KNOW, I'VE NEVER EVEN ONCE TALKED TO HER BEFORE
SO SHE REMAINS A MYSTERY EVEN TO THE VERY END...
DARN IT, AND AFTER ALL THAT WORK WE DID PLANNING HER GOOD BYE PARTY...


ALRIGHT, MOVE IT, EVERYONE. I GOTTA SWEEP THIS PLACE UP.

YOU BET!
GOOD MORNING. DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?


WHAT? STOP STARING AT ME.



This is the story of a time when the world is full of these mascots...

Once, everyone wished for a freeloading mascot in their home. A lovable outsider whose only purpose was to make life fun.

The End

Mascot Profile

ID No.	05999701
Mascot Type	Monster
Name	The Energy Monster, Enemo

No. Families Serviced	2
Special Skills	Cooking meringue.
Favourite Food	Nuts.
Motto	A stitch in time saves nine.
Preferred Family	A clumsy single boy with glasses.
Message	I can store pure energy within my body!
Further Notes	A mascot that can regulate the expenditure of energy stored after eating. This ability is not too useful for everyday activities, however.

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